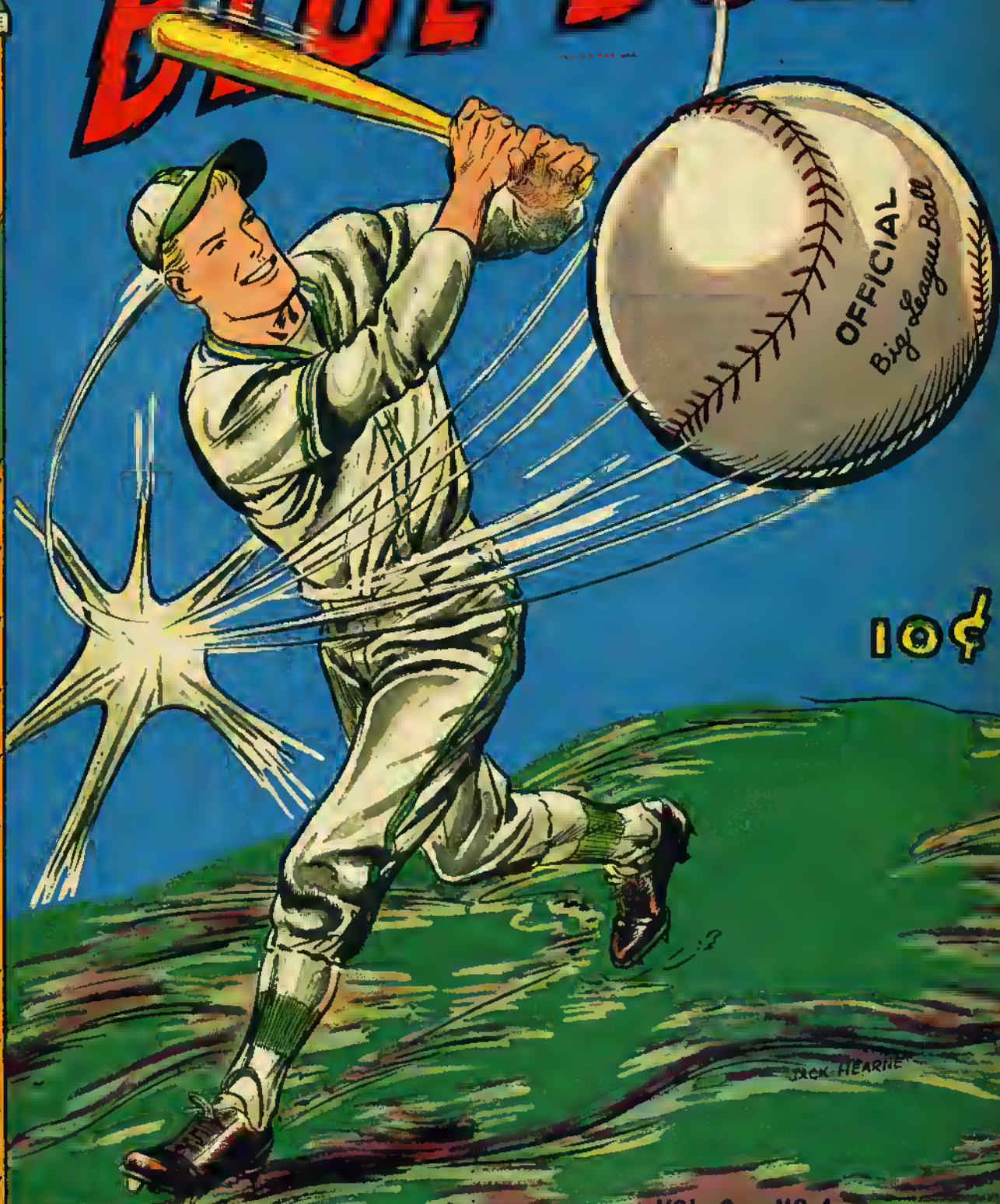


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The Editors Write:

Dear Readers:

The Boys' Clubs of America today number 260, with over a quarter of a million boy members throughout the country.

In their own clubhouses, boys from 8 to 20 years of age find safe and constructive activities and good leaders. The Clubs in larger cities are located where housing congestion is greatest. Smaller cities and towns have placed their Clubs where they are accessible to all the boys in the community.

The established principle in either case is that any boy can join and any boy can afford to belong. All the Clubs are open to members every day after school and in the evening. No member need find recreation and companionship elsewhere.

Each Boys' Club is a self-governing organization controlled by adult citizens and financed by the public, either directly or through the Community Chests. Control, leadership, and membership are non-sectarian.

These Boys' Clubs pay dividends to their communities and to the nation. Their physical training and health activities produce stronger and healthier men. For a nation which prides itself on its production lines, the production of strong minds and healthy bodies should be a top priority.

How about it, gang! Let's get behind the Boys' Clubs of America and keep the production line rolling.

Cordially yours,

THE EDITORS

The Readers Write:

Dear Editors:

Jim Wilcox is the best artist in the business. I've never seen any other book with artist's work such as his. You should give him a raise.

Why don't you have some stories where Laura enters a contest? Then Dick Cole can cheer her.

The new story, "Rick Richards," is very interesting in the January issue. Do we get to see more of him?

In closing I have only to say that no finer book than BLUE BOLT has been published.

Yours truly,

Bob Horton
Richmond, Calif.

We know Jim will appreciate your kind words, Bob. As for Laura, she and Dick will team up in a thrilling adventure sometime in the near future. And you'll also see more of "Rick Richards."

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Dear Editors:

I have been reading BLUE BOLT comics for two years, and I think it is one of the best comic magazines on the market. However, I think there could be some improvements.

Why not have Farr lose a game once in a while? After all, a team can't win every time. The art work, though, is excellent.

"Rick Richards," in my opinion, is a lot better than "Sergeant Spook."

In the January issue you show Eddie Bell and Jerry using rifles. It's my understanding that you must be at least sixteen to use a rifle. I didn't think Eddie and Jerry were that old.

A faithful reader,
Carl Moore
Hudson, N. Y.

We have a story on the way, Carl, in which Farr loses the maneuvers to Hohlen. Eddie and Jerry are old enough to use rifles.

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Dear Editors:

It is just lately that I have discovered your magazine. I think it is swell, except for Krisko and Jasper. I really don't hate them, but couldn't

you make them more real and lively? My friends and I will appreciate it very much.

I especially enjoy your Q's and A's. My favorite characters are Edison Bell, Dick Cole, and the Fearless Fellers. Next come Sergeant Spook and Blue Bolt.

Thank you for publishing this swell comic book. Good luck and aloha.

A reader,

Takeko Shimokawa
Kukaian, Hawaii

We're trying to put a little more punch into Krisko and Jasper. Takeko. They probably won't appear as often in the future, but when they do, we hope you'll like them better.

* * *

Dear Editors:

First of all, congratulations on a good book. BLUE BOLT has always been one of my favorites. I've only one complaint. Where was Sergeant Spook in the February issue? On a vacation?

From Jim Bertin's letter, you'd think you were supposed to be astronauts. We all make mistakes.

Why not a full book on Dick Cole? If this is impossible, ditch Krisko and Jasper. Edison Bell is getting better every issue.

A perfectly satisfied reader,
Jack Richardson
Lackawanna, N. Y.

Right you are, Jack. Spook and Jerry were on a vacation in February.

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Dear Editors:

I've just finished reading BLUE BOLT for the first time. I enjoyed it very much. The stories I liked best were "Dick Cole" and "Sergeant Spook." I would like to see more of them. These stories are very thrilling and exciting.

I shall always read BLUE BOLT from now on.

A faithful reader,
Rose Boollhansingh
Catsanqua, Pa.

Glad to have you with us, Rose.

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DICK COLE



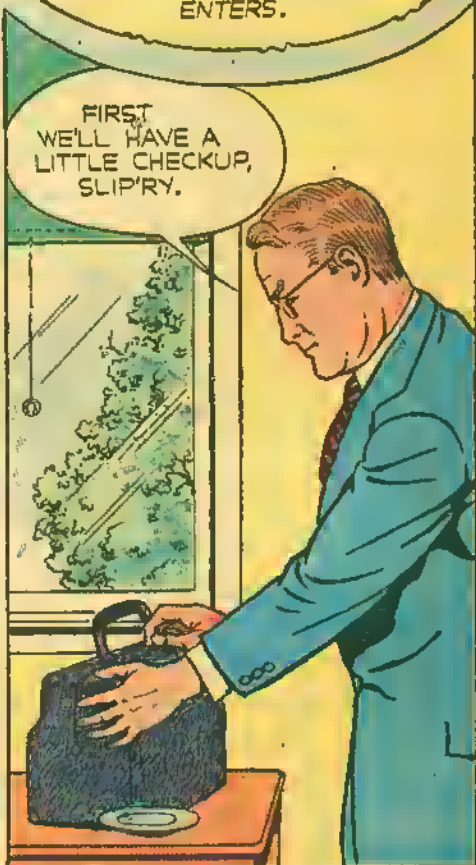
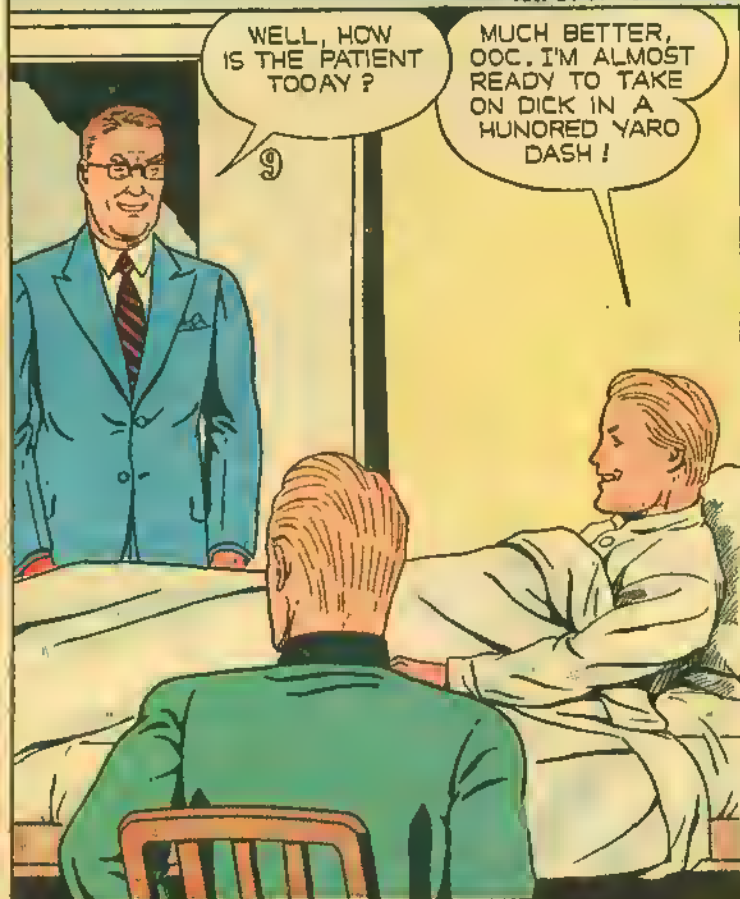
ART BY JIM WILCOX

DICK IS VISITING SLIP'RY, LAID UP WITH A TOUCH OF FLU IN THE FARR MILITARY ACADEMY INFIRMARY, WHEN DOCTOR WHITE ENTERS.

WELL, HOW IS THE PATIENT TODAY?

MUCH BETTER, DOC. I'M ALMOST READY TO TAKE ON DICK IN A HONORED YARD DASH!

FIRST WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE CHECKUP, SLIP'RY.



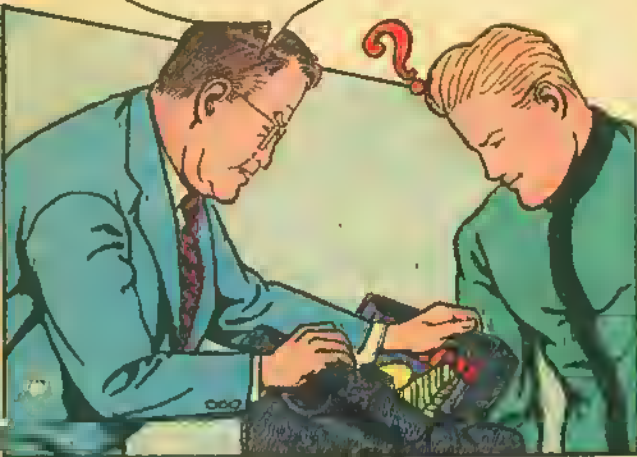
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GREAT SCOTT!

WHAT ON EARTH ARE HIS CLOTHES DOING HERE, AND **WHAT** HAPPENED TO MY CAPSULE OF RADIUM?



IS ANYTHING WRONG, DOCTOR?

I'LL SAY! THESE CLOTHES BELONG TO MY SON, WILLIE! THE SATCHEL IS CRAMMED WITH THEM. LOOK!



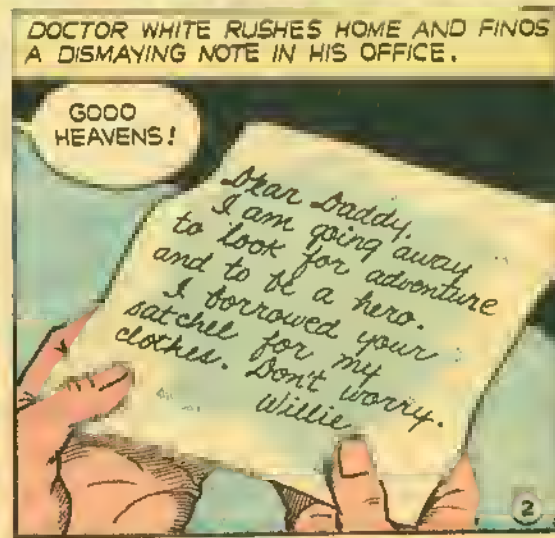
RADIUM? WHEW! THAT'S AWFUL EXPENSIVE, ISN'T IT?

INDEED IT IS! MINE WAS WORTH FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS! I **MUST** FIND IT!



I HAVE TWO IDENTICAL SATCHELS. PERHAPS I TOOK THE WRONG ONE. BUT WHY THESE CLOTHES?

SO LONG, SLIP'RY, DOC WHITE MAY NEED SOME HELP.



GOOD HEAVENS!

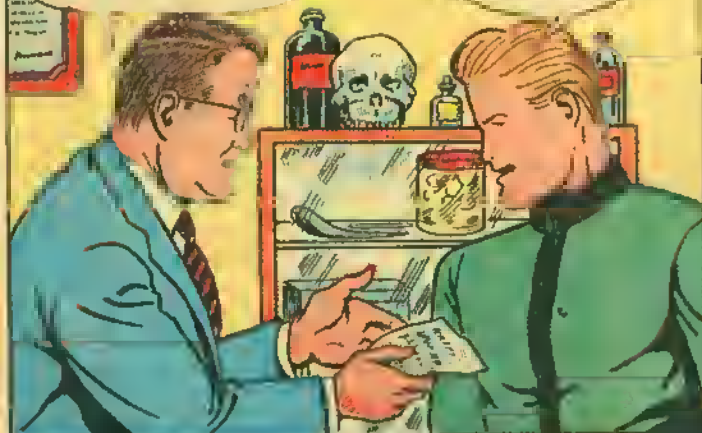
Star Daddy,
I am going away
to look for adventure
and to be a hero.
I borrowed your
satchel for my
clothes. Don't worry.
Willie

Q QUESTION No. 1. Which side adopted the white rose in the Wars of The Roses?

HOW AWFUL! WILLIE TOOK
THE WRONG SATCHEL, THE
ONE WITH THE RADIUM!
HE'LL GET FATAL
BURNS!

BUT, DOCTOR,
ISN'T THE
RADIUM IN A
PROTECTIVE
CASE?

CERTAINLY... BUT WILLIE IS TOO
NOSY FOR HIS OWN GOOD! AS SOON
AS HE DISCOVERS WHAT'S IN THE
SATCHEL, HE'LL TAKE IT APART
...AND GET BURNED!

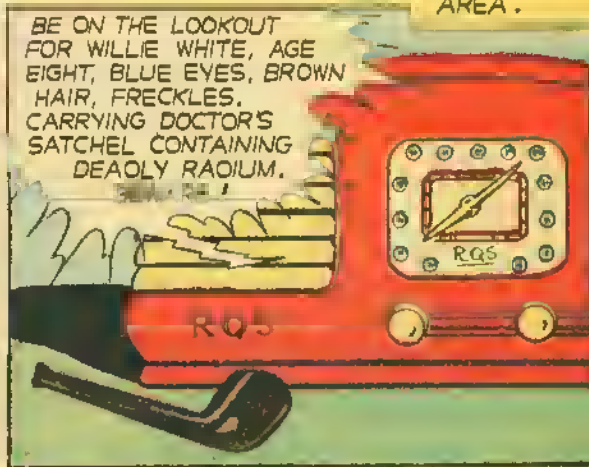


THEN WE'LL HAVE TO
FINO HIM PRONTO! HELLO!
GIVE ME THE POLICE!
EMERGENCY!



SOON, THE POLICE AND STATE TROOPERS
SPREAD THE ALARM OVER THE ENTIRE
AREA.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT
FOR WILLIE WHITE, AGE
EIGHT, BLUE EYES, BROWN
HAIR, FRECKLES,
CARRYING DOCTOR'S
SATCHEL CONTAINING
DEADLY RADIUM.



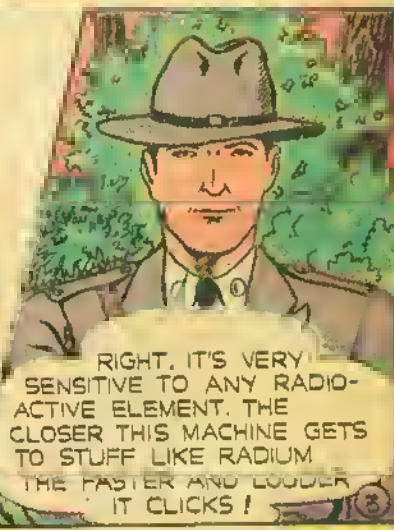
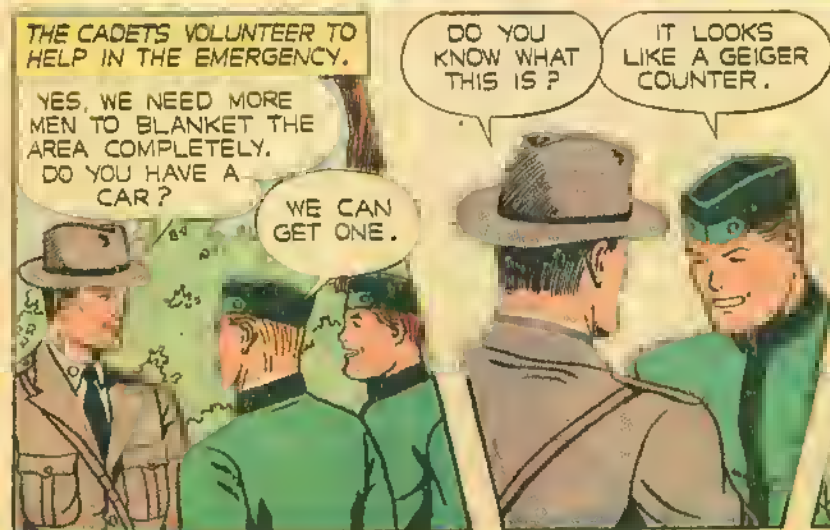
THE CADETS VOLUNTEER TO
HELP IN THE EMERGENCY.

YES, WE NEED MORE
MEN TO BLANKET THE
AREA COMPLETELY.
DO YOU HAVE A
CAR?

WE CAN
GET ONE.

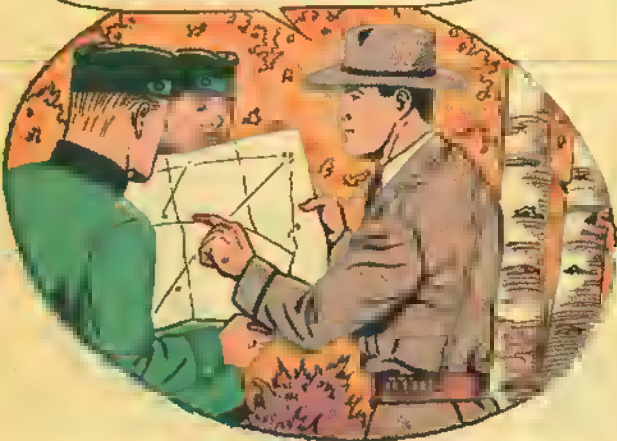
DO YOU
KNOW WHAT
THIS IS?

IT LOOKS
LIKE A GEIGER
COUNTER.



RIGHT, IT'S VERY
SENSITIVE TO ANY RADIO-
ACTIVE ELEMENT. THE
CLOSER THIS MACHINE GETS
TO STUFF LIKE RADIUM
THE FASTER AND LOUDER
IT CLICKS!

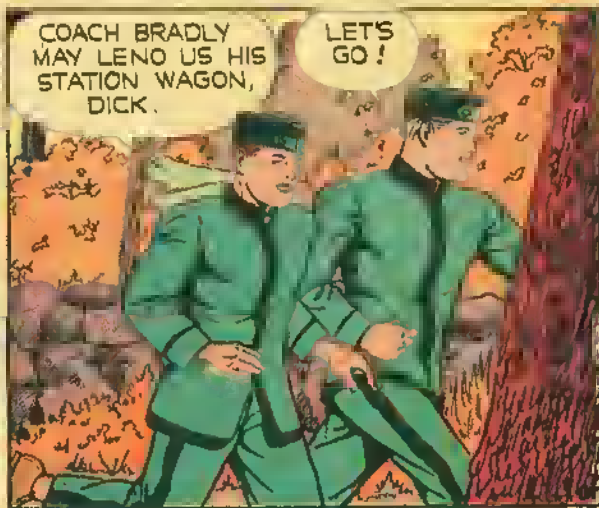
TAKE A GEIGER COUNTER AND COVER THIS AREA. IF WILLIE'S HERE WITH THE RADIUM, THE COUNTER WILL LEAD YOU TO HIM. GOOD LUCK.



TAKING THE GEIGER COUNTER AND MAP, DICK AND TED TODLEY HURRY AWAY..

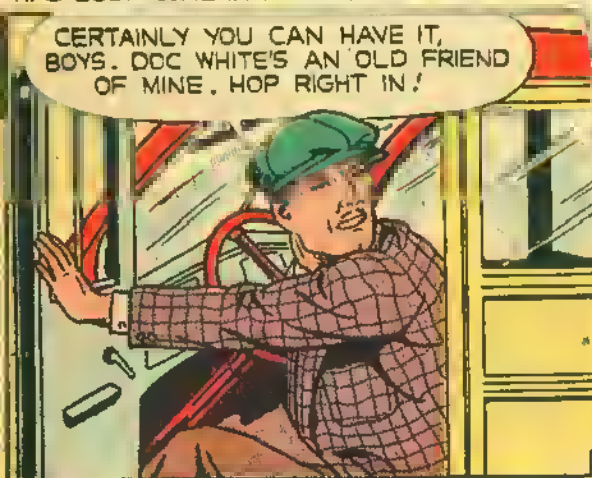
COACH BRADLY MAY LEND US HIS STATION WAGON, DICK.

LET'S GO!



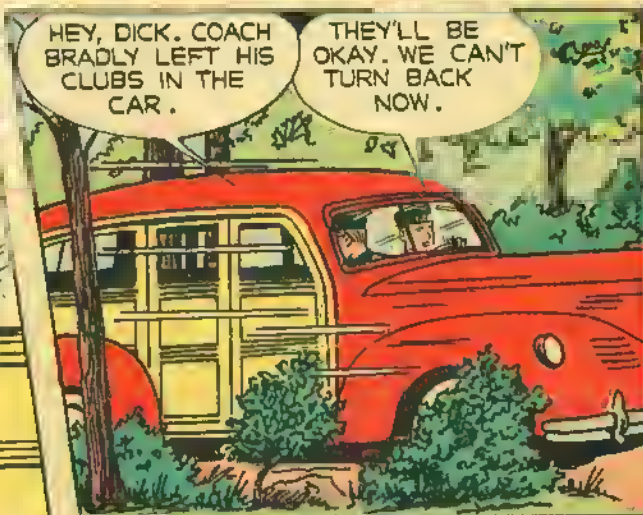
BACK AT FARR, COACH BRADLY, LUCKILY, HAS JUST COME IN FROM THE GOLF COURSE.

CERTAINLY YOU CAN HAVE IT, BOYS. DOC WHITE'S AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE. HOP RIGHT IN!



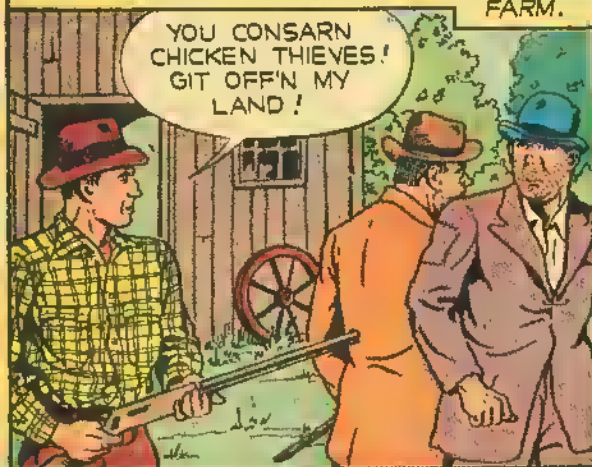
HEY, DICK. COACH BRADLY LEFT HIS CLUBS IN THE CAR.

THEY'LL BE OKAY. WE CAN'T TURN BACK NOW.



MEANWHILE, TWO HOBOES, PETE AND WAMPY, ARE BEING MARCHED OFF A WEST HOPETON FARM.

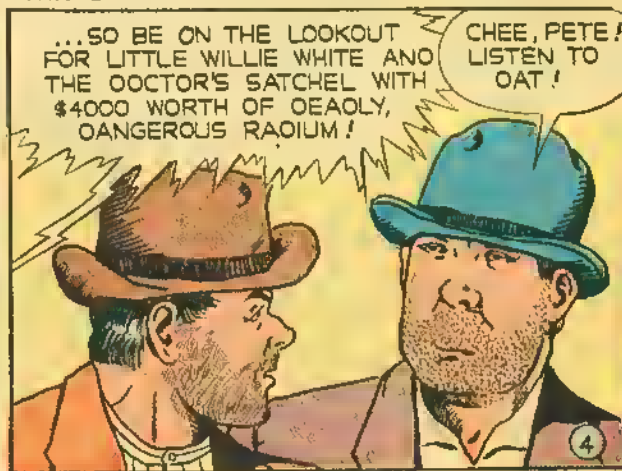
YOU CONSUME CHICKEN THIEVES! GIT OFF'N MY LAND!

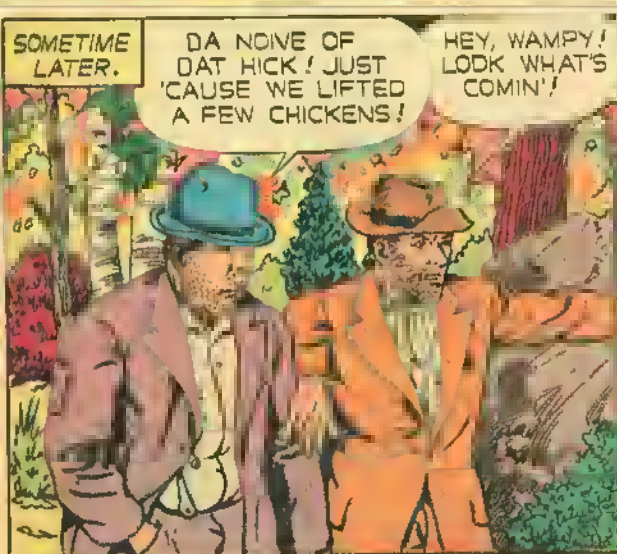
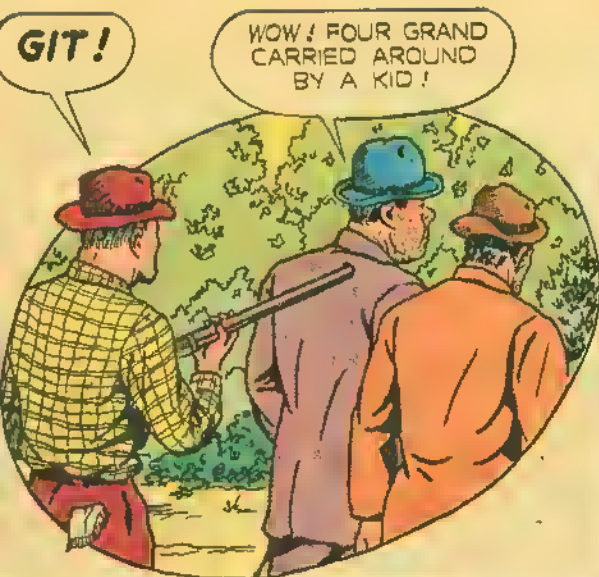


ANOTHER BROADCAST ABOUT WILLIE IS TUNED IN BY THE FARMER'S WIFE, AND WAFTS THROUGH AN OPEN WINDOW.

...SO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LITTLE WILLIE WHITE AND THE DOCTOR'S SATCHEL WITH \$4000 WORTH OF DEADLY, DANGEROUS RADIUM!

CHEE, PETE! LISTEN TO OAT!





SOON, AT A NEAR-BY HOBO JUNGLE.

YUMMM!
THAT'S GOOD!
THIS IS THE
LIFE!

YEAH! HOW ABOUT
GOIN' WID' US TO
BIG CITY? IT'S A
GOOD PLACE FOR
A KID.

GOSH! I'D LOVE TO GO THERE
WITH YOU! TWO HOBOES! THIS
IS REAL ADVENTURE!

AT THAT MOMENT, ONLY A FEW HUNDRED
YARDS AWAY.

DICK! LISTEN!
WE'VE PICKED UP
SOME RADIOACTIVE
WAVES!

FOLLOWING THE RAPIDLY INCREASING
CLICKS, DICK TURNS UP A SIDE ROAD
TOWARD THE JUNGLE.

CLICK-
CLICK-
CLICK-

WE CAN'T BE
FAR NOW! CALL
TO WILLIE,
TED!

WILLIE!
WILLIE WHITE!
COME HERE,
WILLIE!

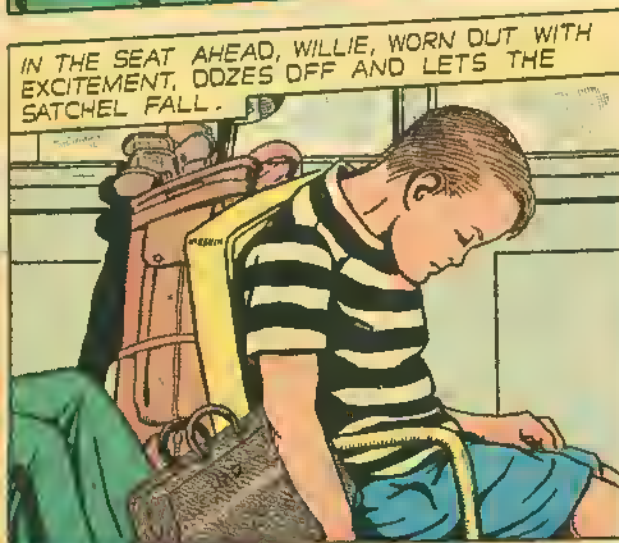
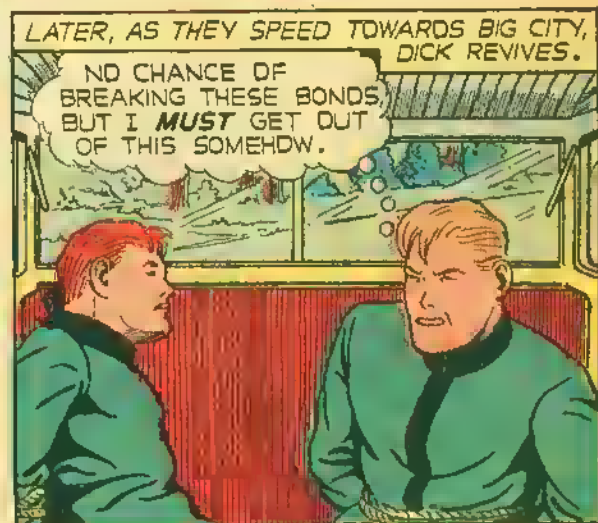
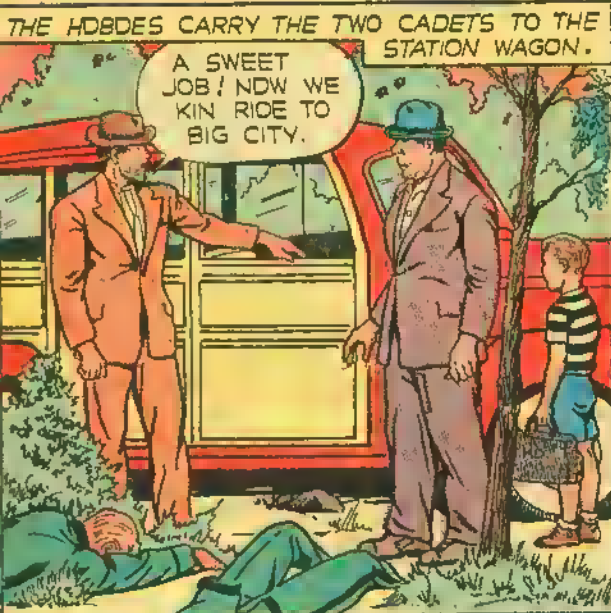
AW, SHUCKS!
NOW I CAN'T
GO TO BIG
CITY!

DON'T WORRY, KID. WE
WON'T LET A PAL DOWN.
COME ON, WAMPY! HERE
COMES SOMEBODY
THROUGH DA BUSHES!

THE UNSUSPECTING CADETS PUSH THROUGH
THE HEAVY BRUSH.

COME ON, WILLIE!
BE A SPORT! WE KNOW
WHERE YOU ARE
...OOOH!

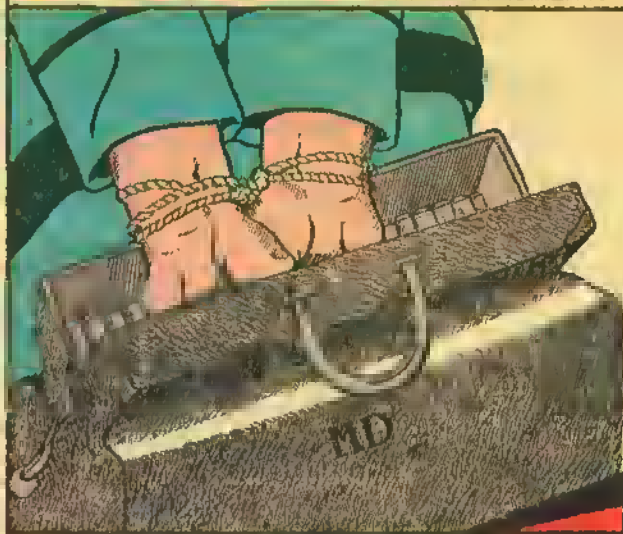
CRAC!
POC!



DROPPING TO THE FLOOR, DICK UNZIPS THE BAG WITH HIS TEETH!



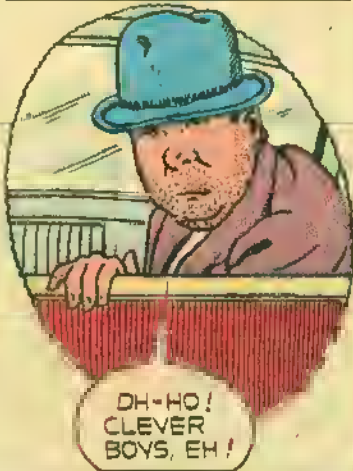
HE FUMBLES IN THE BAG FOR AN INSTRUMENT.



DICK FINALLY FINDS A SCALPEL AND AWKWARDLY SAWS TED'S BONDS. TED, FREE OF THE BONDS, REVIVES AND CUTS DICK LODSE, BUT...



AT THIS MOMENT WAMPY TURNS AROUND.

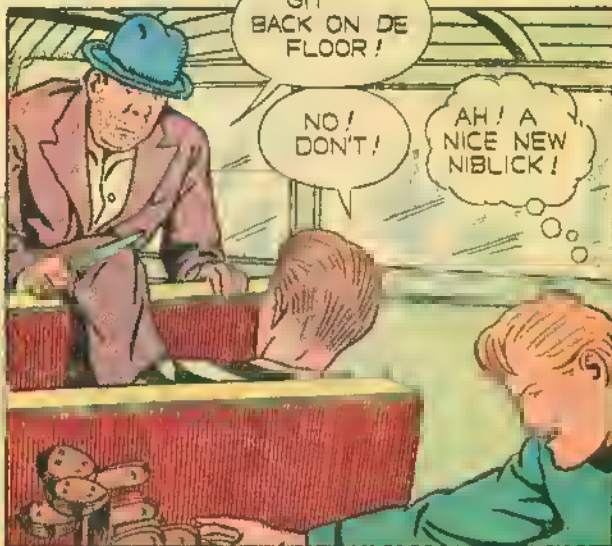


DH-HO! CLEVER BOYS, EH!

GIT BACK ON DE FLOOR!

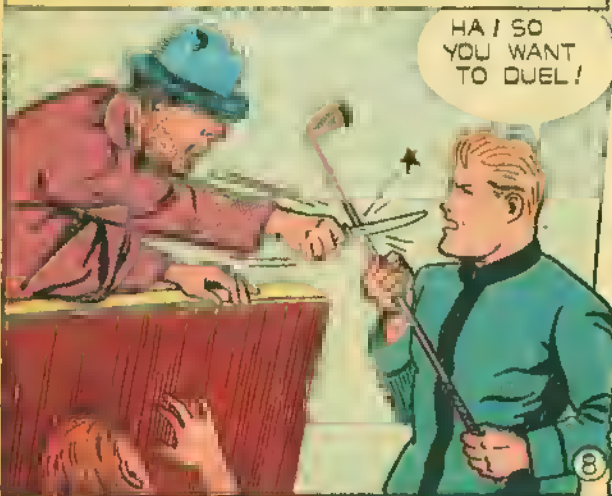
NO! DON'T!

AH! A NICE NEW NIBLICK!



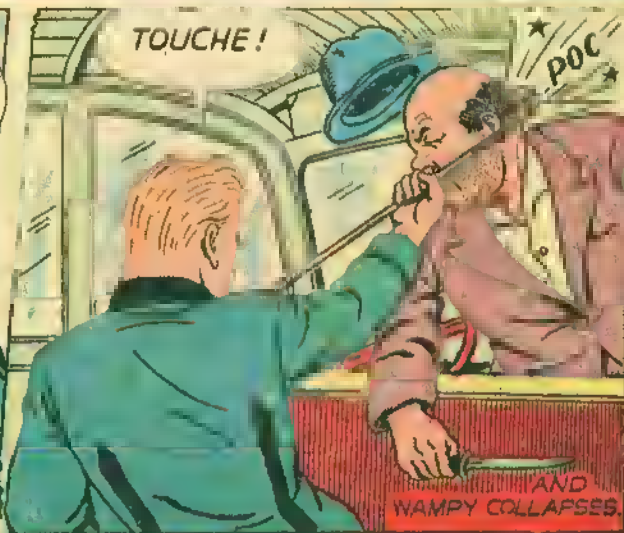
DICK PARRIES A VICIOUS LUNGE BY WAMPY.

HA! SO YOU WANT TO DUEL!



TOUCHE!

POC



AND WAMPY COLLAPSES.

QUESTION No. 4. Is touche a golf term or a fencing term?

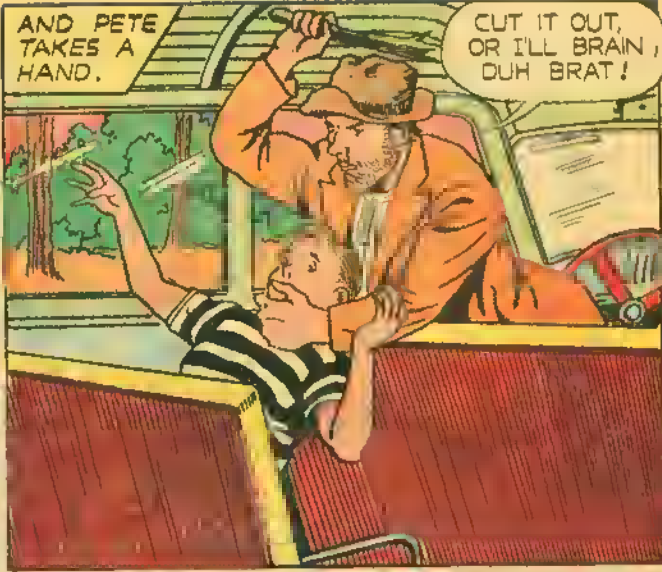
PETE BRINGS THE CAR TO AN ABRUPT STOP.

CRIPES!
WOT GOES
HERE!



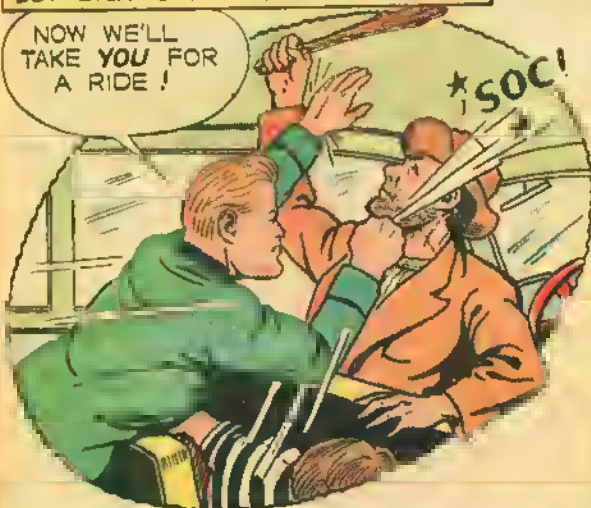
AND PETE
TAKES A
HAND.

CUT IT OUT,
OR I'LL BRAIN
DUH BRAT!



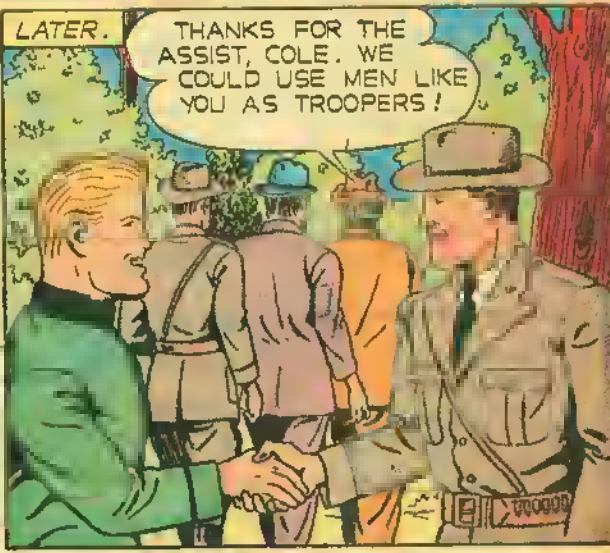
BUT DICK IS TOO QUICK FOR HIM.

NOW WE'LL
TAKE YOU FOR
A RIDE!



LATER.

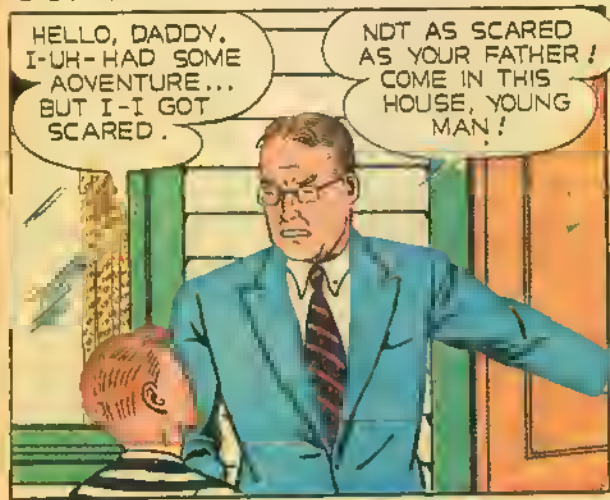
THANKS FOR THE
ASSIST, COLE. WE
COULD USE MEN LIKE
YOU AS TROOPERS!



DICK AND TED ESCORT WILLIE TO HIS HOME.

HELLO, DADDY.
I-UH-HAD SOME
ADVENTURE...
BUT I-I GOT
SCARED.

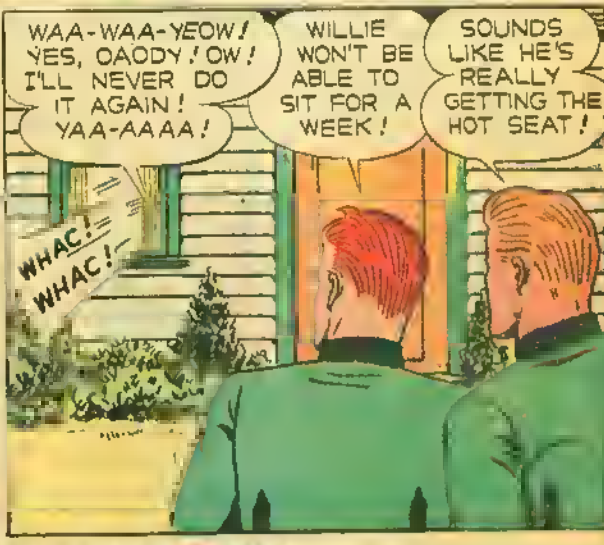
NOT AS SCARED
AS YOUR FATHER!
COME IN THIS
HOUSE, YOUNG
MAN!



WAA-WAA-YEOW!
YES, OADDY! OW!
I'LL NEVER DO
IT AGAIN!
YAA-AAAA!

WILLIE
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
SIT FOR A
WEEK!

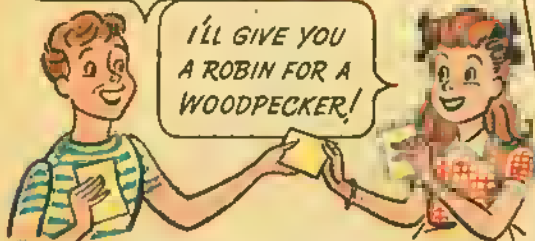
SOUNDS
LIKE HE'S
REALLY
GETTING THE
HOT SEAT!



START COLLECTING THESE NIFTY BIRD PICTURES *NOW!*

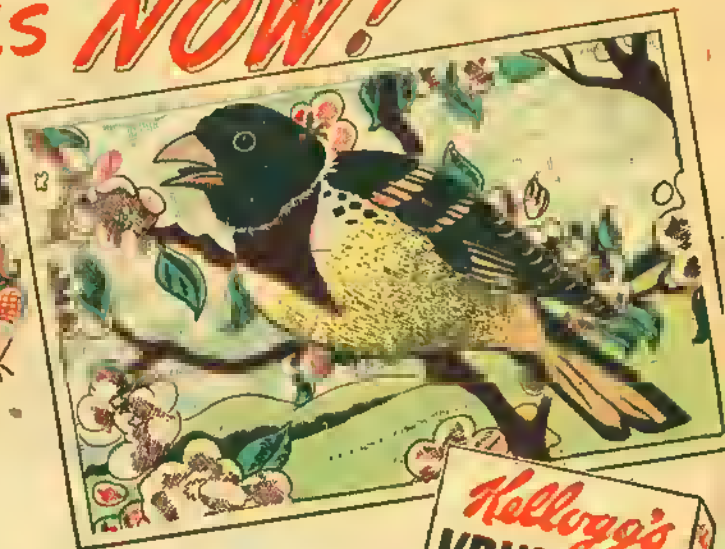
WANT TO SWAP?

I'LL GIVE YOU
A ROBIN FOR A
WOODPECKER!



Be the first on your street to start collecting these prizes—beautiful, colorful, 2½ x 4½ inch bird pictures by a famous American illustrator. Twenty-four in all—one in every package of Kellogg's Krumbles! No waiting... nothing to mail in. Just open the box of Kellogg's Krumbles and look inside for your prize!

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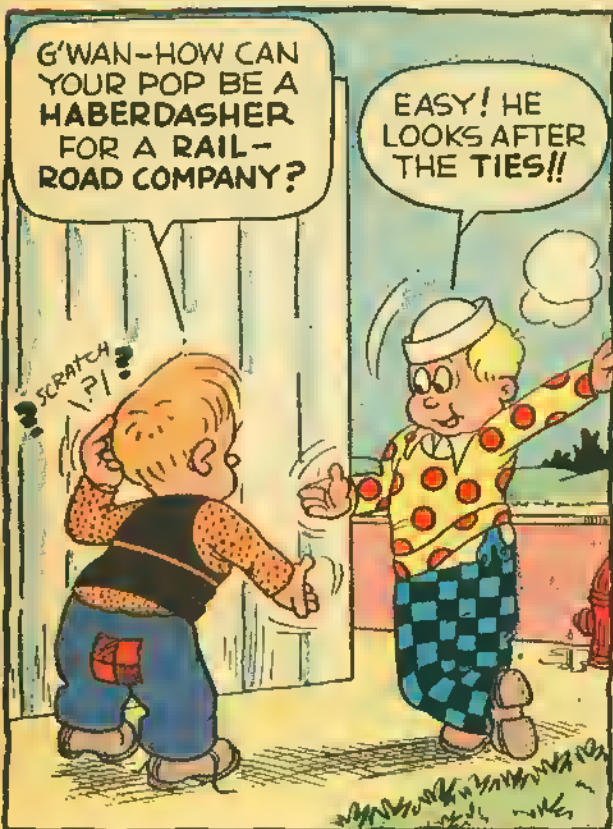


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G'WAN—HOW CAN
YOUR POP BE A
HABERDASHER
FOR A RAIL-
ROAD COMPANY?

EASY! HE
LOOKS AFTER
THE TIES!!



WHAT DO YOU
THINK OF MY
VOICE, HUH?

WELL, BING CROSBY
HAS SOME VOICE,
BUT YOURS IS
BETTER STILL!!

PHOOIE!!



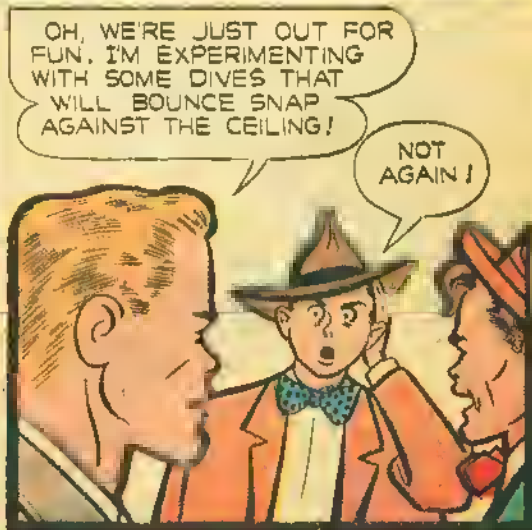
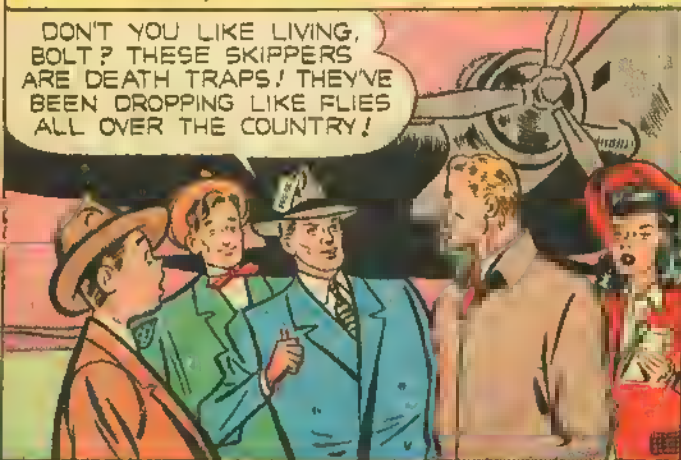
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THE AMERICAN



REPORTERS MOB BLUE BOLT BEFORE HE TAKES OFF IN A GIANT "SKIPPER" TRANSPORT.

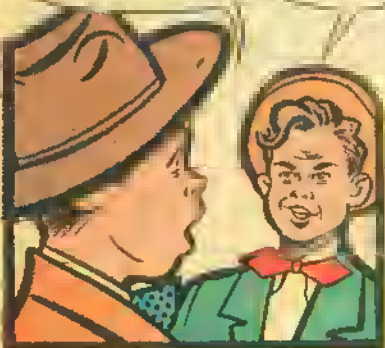


QUIT KIDDING, BLUE BOLT. I HEARD ALL SKIPPERS WERE GROUNDED... AND THEY OUGHTA BE! YOU TWO ARE COMMITTING SUICIDE! WHY?

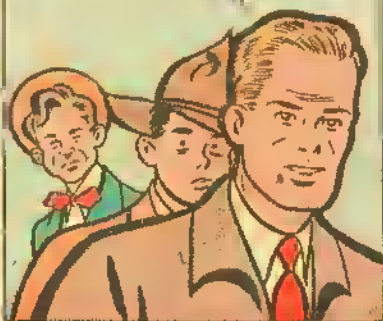


YEAH, WE GOT CAMERAS AND GADGETS ALL SET UP. WHEN SOMETHING SNAFUS WE'LL RECORD IT.

IT'S STILL SUICIDE! WHAT ELSE IS IN IT FOR YOU?



JUST A DARN GOOD YARN FOR *GLIMPSES*, THE PICTURE MAG. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, SEE OUR NEXT ISSUE!



NO ONE COULD FIND THE CAUSE OF THESE CRASHES BECAUSE THE PLANES ALWAYS BURNED TO A CRISP... BUT WE AIM TO GET THE EVIDENCE AND BAIL OUT WITH IT!



A MOMENT LATER...



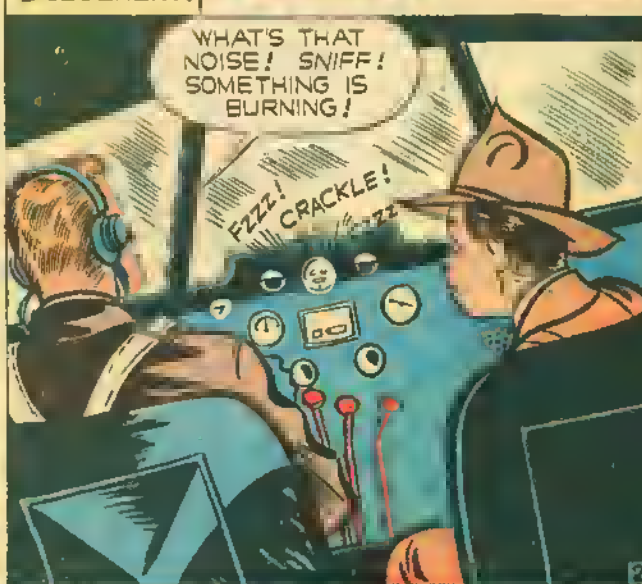
SO LONG, CHUMPS! I'M AFRAID THIS INTERVIEW WILL GO INTO THE OBIT COLUMN!

AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF UNEVENTFUL FLIGHT...



HO HUM! LOOKS LIKE WE PICKED A DUD, BOLT! SHE RUNS PERFECT!

SUDDENLY...



WHAT'S THAT NOISE! SNIFF! SOMETHING IS BURNING!

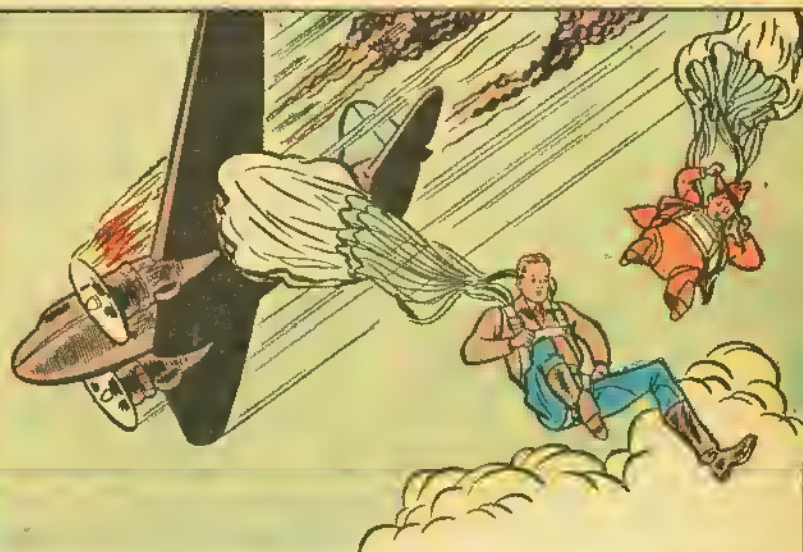
FZZZ! CRACKLE!

IT'S THE MURDOCK
ELECTRICAL CONNECTION!
FILM IT, SNAP!

IN A SPLIT-SECOND, FLAMES ARE EATING AT
THE PLANE!

YIPE! I'VE GOT
IT! LET'S SCRAM
BEFORE IT GETS
US!

NOT A CHANCE
TO SAVE THE
PLANE. BAIL
OUT, SNAP!



THE FLAMING PLANE PLUMMETS INTO A LAKE!

ULP! I'M
SURE GLAD
I MISSED
THAT!

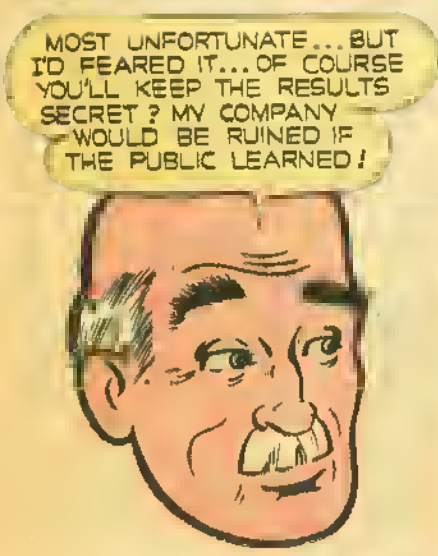
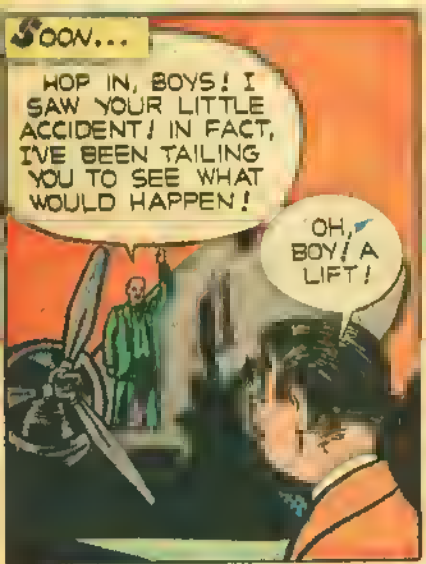
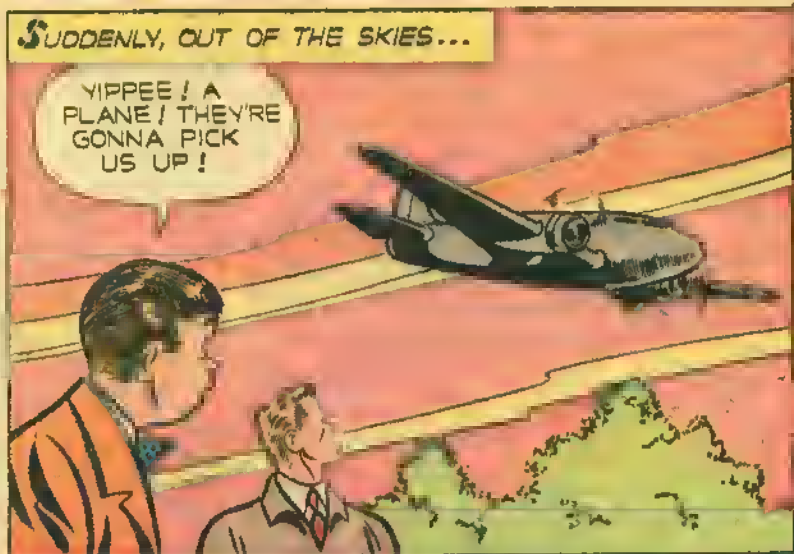
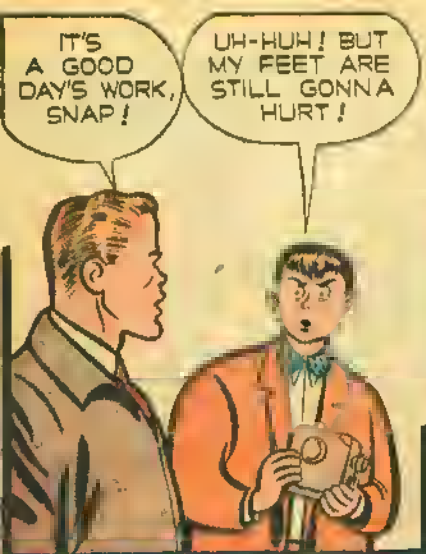
WE'RE DRIFTING
TOWARD LAND,
FORTUNATELY!

SOON...

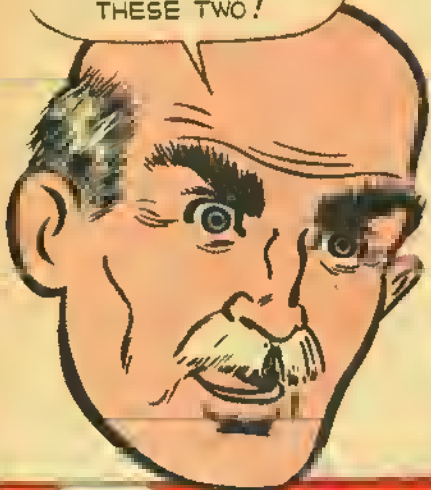
GEE! WE'RE
IN THE MIDDLE
OF NOWHERE!
IT'S A DAY'S
HIKE TO THE
NEAREST
TOWN!

YES, BUT
YOUR FILMS
TELL THE
WHOLE STORY
OF THE FATAL
DEFECT IN
SHOULDER
SHIPS!

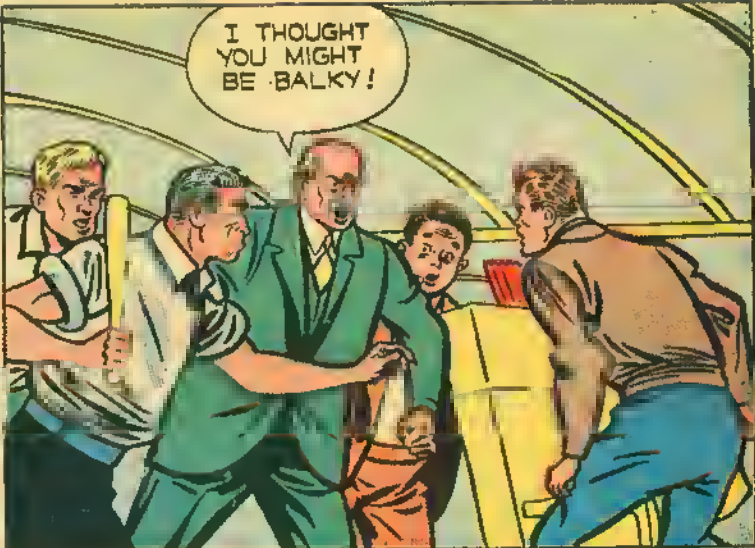
ANSWER No. 5. No. It is a speedboat used to rescue flyers from the water.



I DON'T INTEND TO HAVE MY LIFE WORK SMASHED! MEN! GRAB THESE TWO!

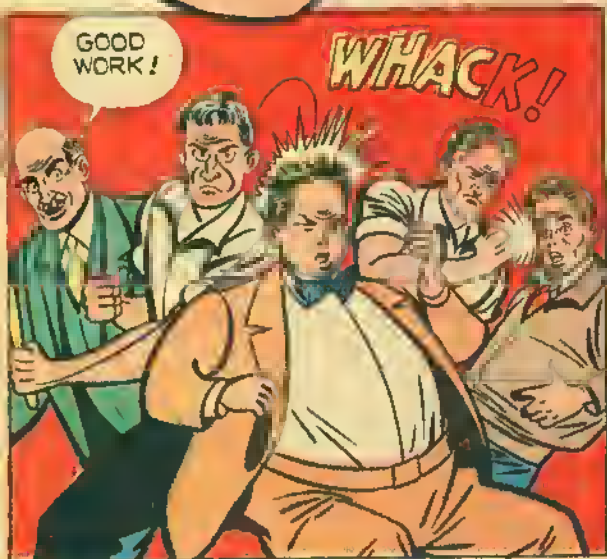


I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE BALKY!



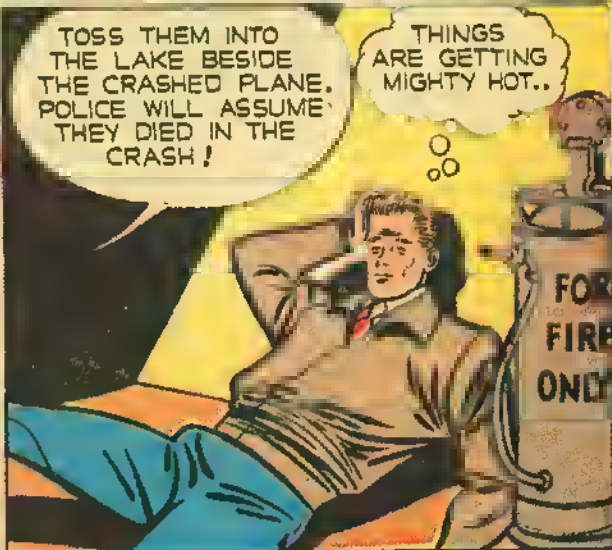
GOOD WORK!

WHACK!



TOSS THEM INTO THE LAKE BESIDE THE CRASHED PLANE. POLICE WILL ASSUME THEY DIED IN THE CRASH!

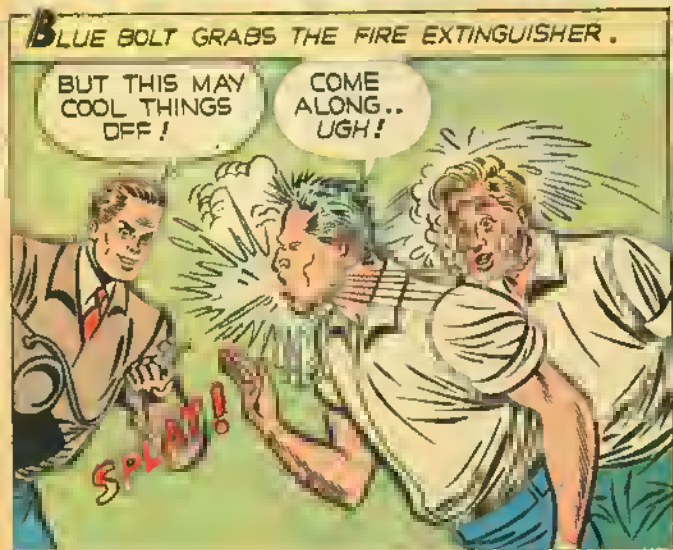
THINGS ARE GETTING MIGHTY HOT..



BLUE BOLT GRABS THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

BUT THIS MAY COOL THINGS OFF!

COME ALONG.. UGH!



HALP! I CAN'T SEE!

STEP ASIDE, PAL! I'LL FLY THIS HEAP!

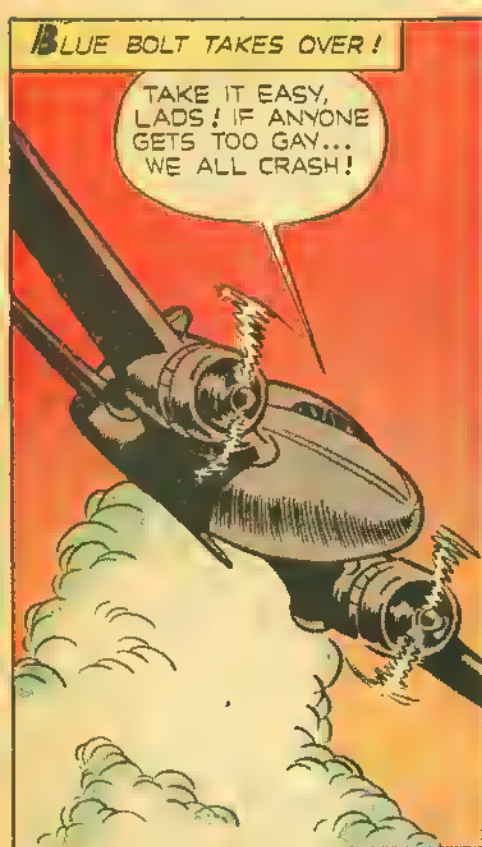


Yes. There are several varieties of tropical sea birds called boobies.

ANSWER No. 6.

BLUE BOLT TAKES OVER!

TAKE IT EASY,
LADS! IF ANYONE
GETS TOO GAY...
WE ALL CRASH!



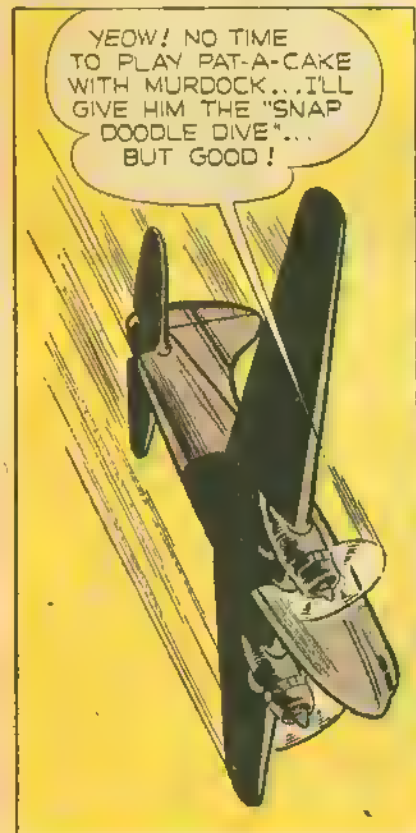
**MURDOCK'S INSANE RAGE OVERCOMES HIS
COMMON SENSE!**

I'LL
KILL
HIM!

BOLT!
LOOK
OUT!



YEOW! NO TIME
TO PLAY PAT-A-CAKE
WITH MURDOCK...I'LL
GIVE HIM THE "SNAP
DOODLE DIVE"...
BUT GOOD!



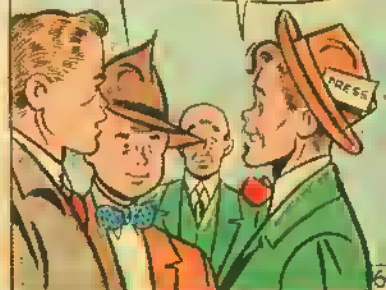
IT WORKED! TOSSED
'EM AT THE CEILING
LIKE A BUNCH OF
TENNIS BALLS...BUT
THEY WON'T BOUNCE!



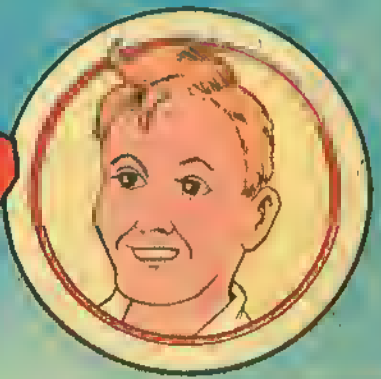
LATER...

AND WE WERE
ALL KAYOED BY
BLUE BOLT'S STUNT!
BUT I DON'T CARE
IF MY HEAD ACHES.
I JUST WANT TO
SEE THESE CLUCKS
IN THE CLINK!

AND YOU GOT
DATA THAT WILL
MAKE THE
SKIPPER INTO
SAFE PLANES? YOU
GUYS SURE MADE
A SAP OUTTA ME
...BUT I'M GLAD
OF IT!



Edison Bell



EDISON BELL AND HIS FRIEND JERRY ARE IMPRESSED BY A MOVIE TRAVELOGUE OF CANOEING IN THE CANADIAN WILDS.

SOME TRIP, EDDIE!

THAT'S FOR US!

LATER.

THAT GIVES ME A GREAT IDEA!

I'LL BET IT'S A CANOE TRIP!

The END

THE CANOE TRIP'S OKAY, BOYS - BUT A CANOE IS PRETTY HEAVY TO PORTAGE.

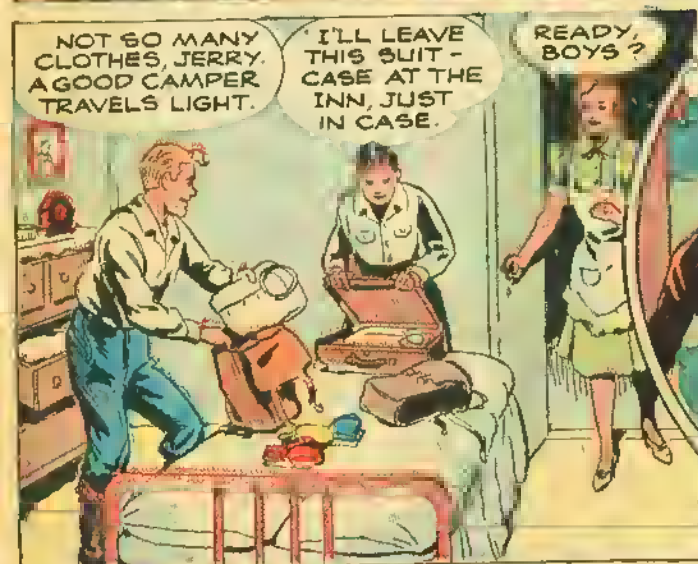
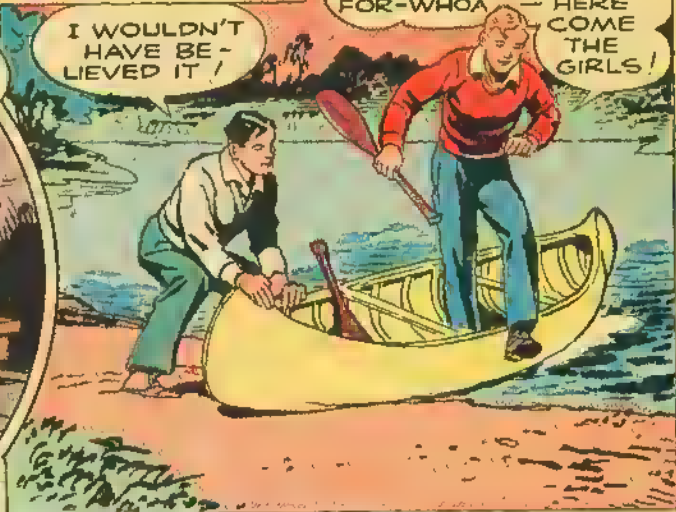
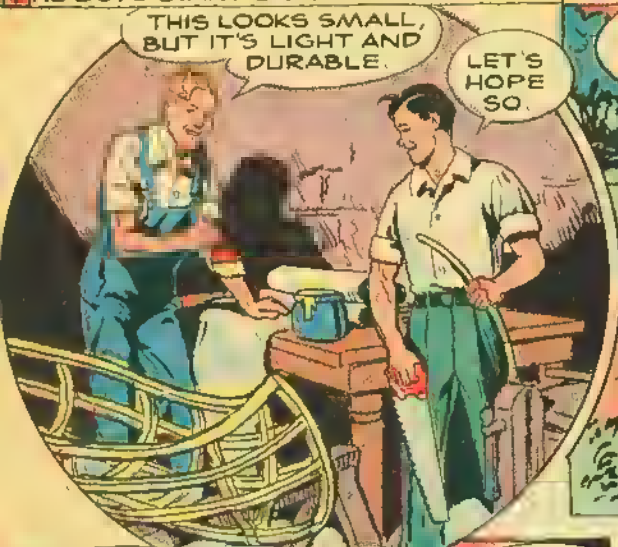
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, FATHER. I CAN WORK IT OUT...

YOU'RE TOO MYSTERIOUS - TELL ME WHAT YOU MEAN.

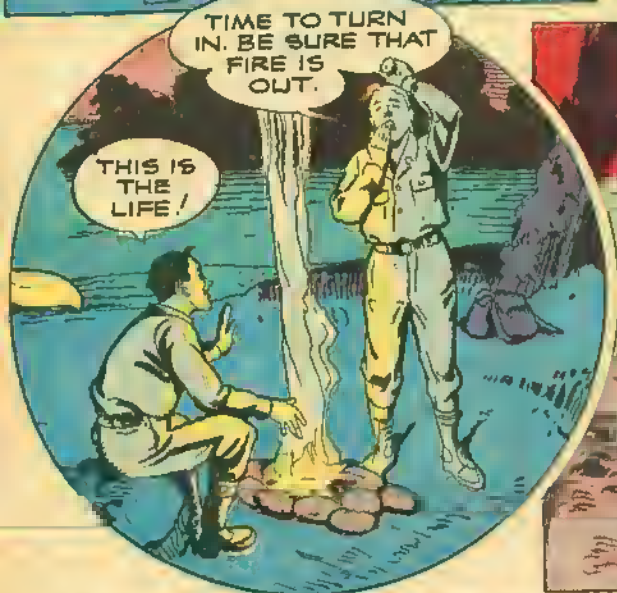
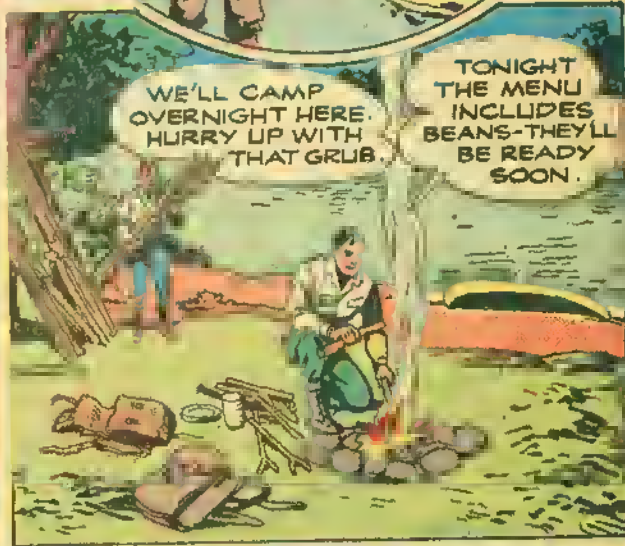
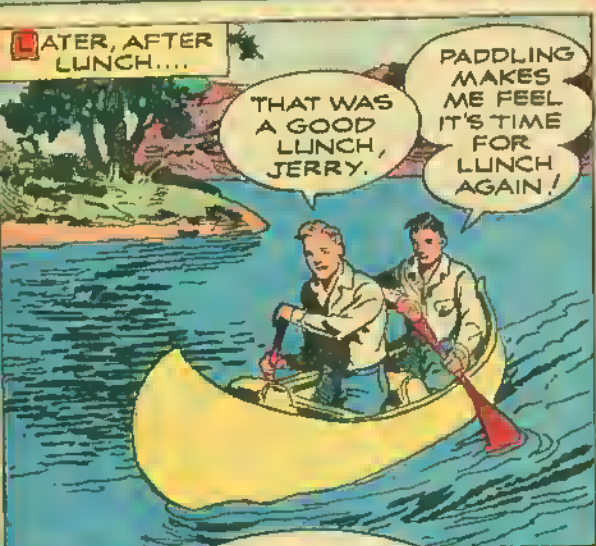
THE BOYS START BUILDING THE CANOE.

THE NEXT WEEK...

IT'S JUST RIGHT. NOW FOR-WHOA - HERE COME THE GIRLS!



QUESTION No. 7. What have these articles in common: rucksack, knapsack, haversack?



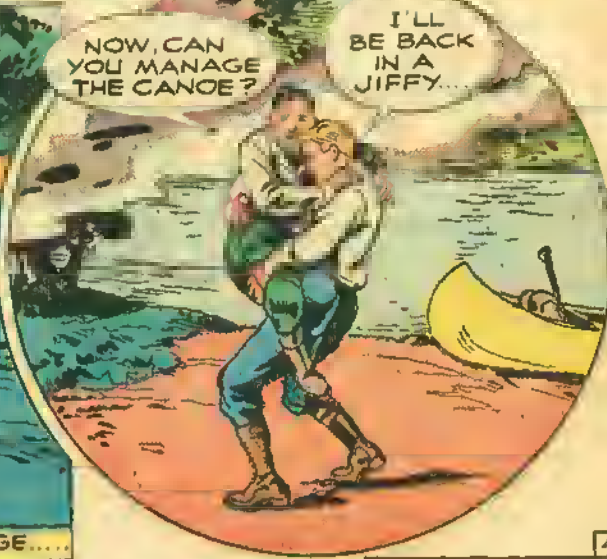
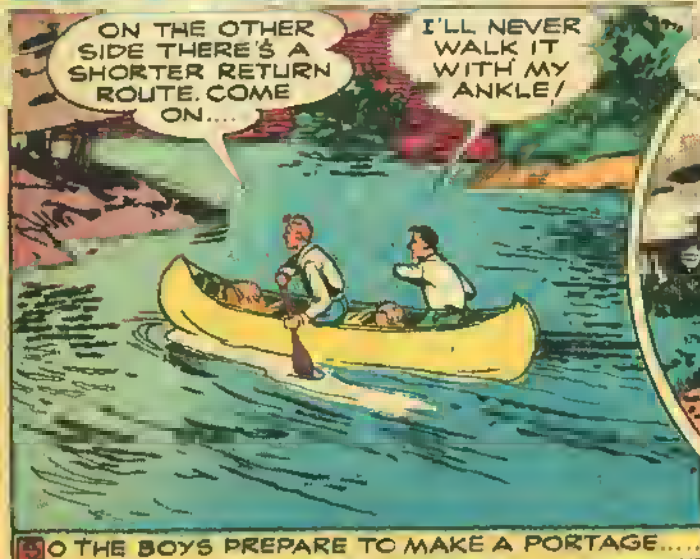
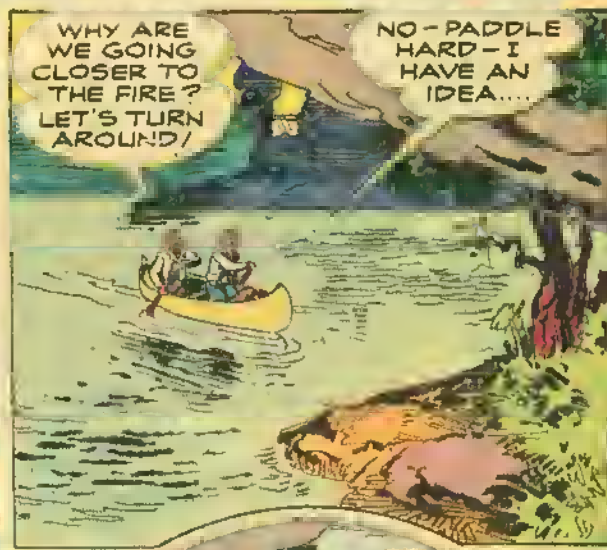
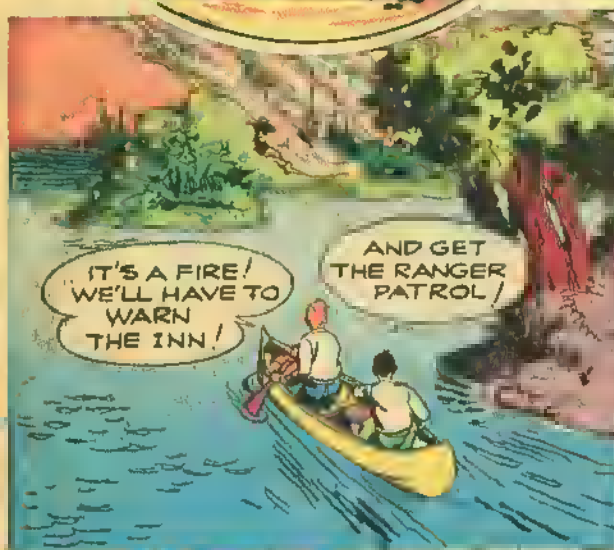
LIT, THE NEXT MORNING.

GOLLY, ED -
I DID A JOB
ON MY ANKLE.
IT MAY BE
BROKEN!

SAY,
WE'D BET-
TER TURN
BACK!

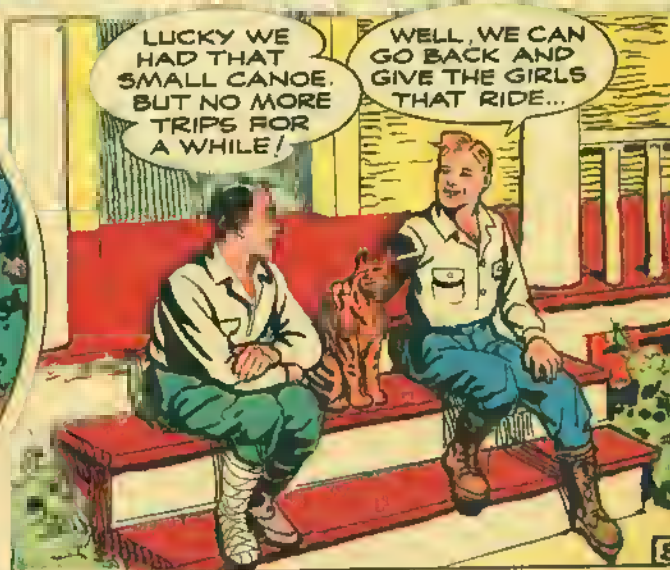
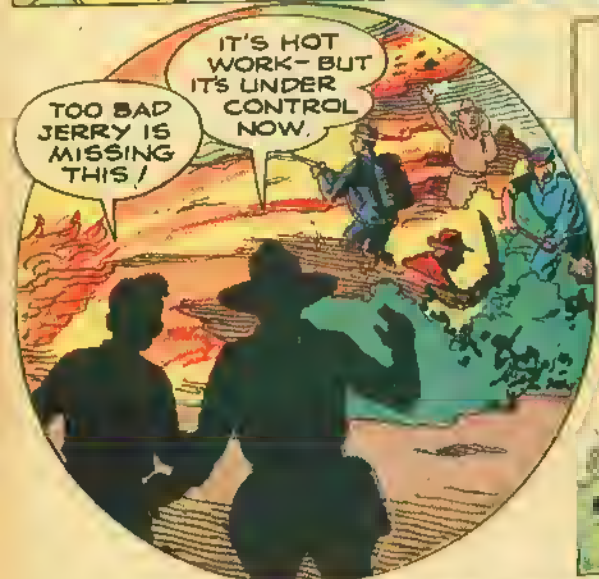
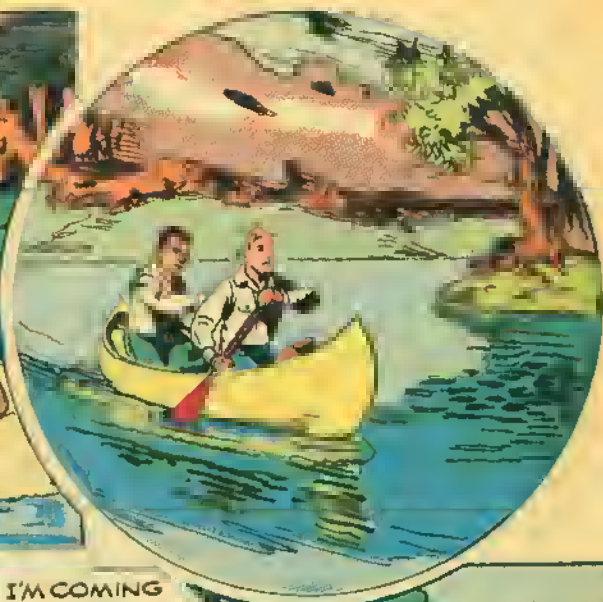
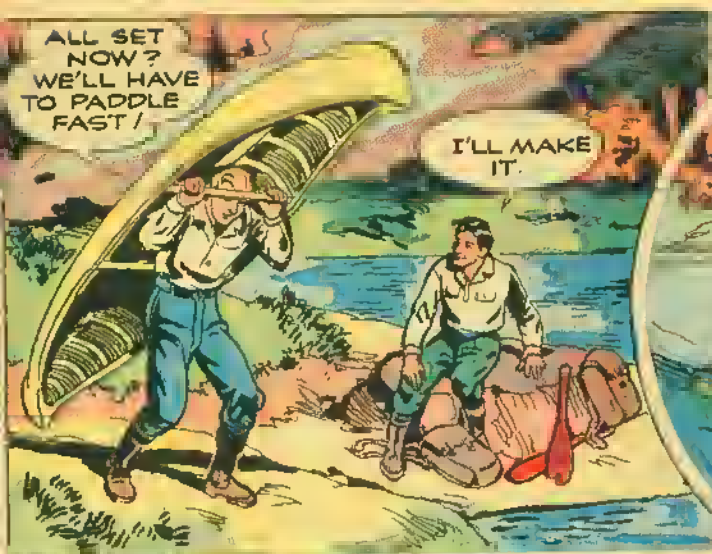
I SMELL
SMOKE.
MUST BE
OTHER
CAMPERS
HERE.

I DO, TOO.
IT'S
GETTING
STRONGER!



SO THE BOYS PREPARE TO MAKE A PORTAGE....

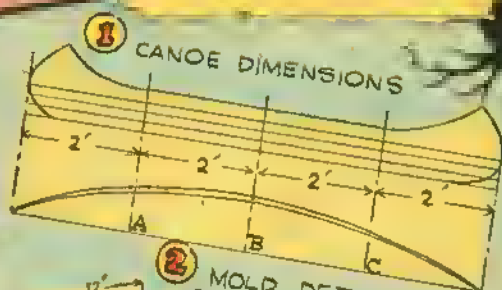
QUESTION No. 8. Can you find a skillet on this page?



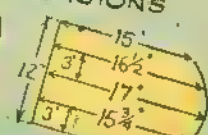
BUILD THIS MIDGET CANOE

FOR YEAR-ROUND CAMPING TRIPS....

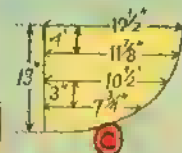
THIS CANOE WILL SEAT ONE MAN WITH CAMPING EQUIPMENT and WILL TAKE ALL THE PUNISHMENT A BIGGER ONE ABSORBS and ITS EASIER TO CARRY!



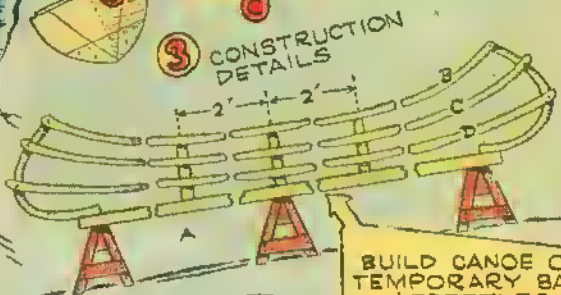
1 CANOE DIMENSIONS



USE 1" SCRAP FOR MOLDS



THESE MOLDS ARE ONLY TEMPORARY...



3 CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

"CURVED ENDS MADE OF GREEN ELM... 32" LONG, 1 1/4" WIDE, AND 1" THICK...

BOTTOM STRIP SCREWED DOWN LIKE THIS



ATTACH SEAT OR SEATS IN THIS WAY



END PIECES ADDED LAST



COVER RIBS WITH EXTRA HEAVY CANVAS... FASTEN CANVAS TO THE BOTTOM STRIP and SMOOTH IT AROUND TO THE GUNWALES WITH COPPER TACKS... COAT WITH POWDERED GLUE (MELTED) and PAINT... FINALLY, ADD KEEL STRIP.

FORE and AFT ARRANGEMENT OF GUNWALES... MAKE GUNWALES AT LEAST 10 FEET LONG AND TRIM TO FIT...



ATTACH ALL RIBS LIKE THIS, WITH 1" GALVANIZED BRADS. RIBS ARE OF STRIPS OF ELM 1 1/2" WIDE, 3/8" THICK, and LONG ENOUGH TO REACH FROM GUNWALE TO GUNWALE AFTER THE BEND IS MADE...

WHEN RIBS ARE IN, REMOVE MOLDS and PIECES C and D IN CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

SCOOPED

CATMAN CAPTURED

...ard to a New York Red Cross girl and has just been given the Medal of Freedom for part in the Battle of France.

...only Purple Heart buddy.

...It is a natural sex in-ge is t his was one the

...Sylvia was under enemy fire for weeks.

...standards of duty won her the admiration and respect of the entire division.

Price Rise in Canned Goods

...is some cause for industry complaints pricing delays are blocking shipment of canned goods.

...she could have, rear: she

...head for 1325

...a bird

...\$300

...boasted they made a holdup in their weeks raids on race track and bookies. Their victims were afraid to complain to police for fear of drawing attention to themselves and thus proved "easy pickings."

PAUL Blanchard had found the way to make crime pay—double! City reporter for the "News-Ledger," he sat reading his latest story on the exploits of the mysterious hurglar, the Catman. He had scooped them again! If only the fools knew how thoroughly, for reporter Paul Blanchard and the Catman were the same person!

It was almost too easy, the way his position enabled him to play both ends against the middle. The robberies in themselves were extremely profitable, while his stories of them had earned him several salary increases from the editor. He laughed when he thought how often he had been commended for the accuracy of his reports. That was funny! Who should be better acquainted with the details of a crime than the man who had committed it? And why shouldn't he scoop the other papers? Heck, after living the theft, it was simple to write it up quickly.

He glanced hastily at his watch. Say, it was getting late. Time for him to get busy if he was going to pull

a job tonight. But wait! Let the police serve him as they always did, the fools! He smirked, as he dialed headquarters, at the inequality of their matching wits with him.

"Inspector Dolan?" he purred into the phone. "This is Blanchard of the News-Ledger. What have you got figured on the Catman for tonight? North Side, eh? Yeah, sounds like a good idea. He hasn't been up that way in a long time. Thanks, Dolan . . . and I do mean thanks," he muttered gently, as he hung up the receiver.

Poor, trusting Dolan! He and his precious police force would comb the North Side in vain tonight. The Catman would not be within miles of it! Sure, this was the ideal night to knock over the Meade mansion on the West Side! Oh, he'd get back to the North Side all right—some night when the obliging Dolan was looking elsewhere for him.

Concealed by the shadows, Blanchard hugged the wall of a West Side alley and waited—waited for the light to go off in the ancient

monstrosity of a house across the street. It was really an ugly place for so exclusive a section, but Blanchard knew his loot would be rich and easy to get. This was the home of the eccentric old millionaire, Dan Meade. Meade was a peculiar old creature, long since retired from any business activity, and living alone in his garish old house, with merely memories and money.

Blanchard shivered in the dampness of the night, then cheered himself with a thought. It would be an unpleasant night for Dolan and his boys, too. And not nearly so profitable! But would that old fool Meade never go to bed? What was he doing up so late, anyhow? Probably counting his money. Well, after tonight, he wouldn't have so much to count. That was certain.

Ah, there it was! The single light had been snapped off and the weather-beaten old house was even uglier in its total darkness. Blanchard thrilled with a dual professional interest as he crept toward it. This would make both a good rob-

bery and story, likely his biggest haul and yarn at the same time. He'd clean up in cash and also paint a wonderful word picture of the eerie mansion.

The ancient window creaked in protest against his jimmy and he paused, breathing hard. Had old Meade heard? No, all was quiet within. Good! He swung up easily into the room.

Once inside, it was difficult not to gloat. He didn't even need a flashlight. The moon streamed through the window and revealed Meade's safe plainly. Better than that, the safe was of the oldest type imaginable and would yield easily to one as skillful as Blanchard.

Practiced ears listened carefully for the combination as he twisted the dials. There it was! The safe groaned on aged hinges and reluctantly opened to reveal its contents. Such contents! He was rich! Even his wildest dreams had not pictured such a catch as this! Great piles of money, packed in helter-skelter fashion, told him this was, by far, his biggest job.

Absorbed, he failed to hear steps slithering slowly toward him. Slowly and carefully they approached, until a wild cackle broke the silence.

"Get 'em up, Catman! Old Dan Meade's too sly for you! I knew you'd call on

me sooner or later, and I've been waiting for you! Hee! Hee! Just watching and waiting! No—no—not now—oooh!"

Blanchard's shot rang like thunder in the quiet room, and he leaped quickly to one side, expecting retaliation. None came, though—none would ever come from old Dan Meade, lying dead, face down, in the stream of moonlight.

Quickly now! Must be quick! The neighbors must have heard the shot and would call the police. Grab the money and duck across the street into the alley and wait. Wait for the police? Certainly, this was no ordinary crook. This was Blanchard, the Catman.

He waited in the alley and thought of the enormity of his story. It was really big now! Old Dan Meade dead—murdered by the Catman—and he, Paul Blanchard, had an exclusive! Another raise and bonus beckoned! He composed the details of his report as he waited.

The police! He fought back a shiver of fright as he listened to the rapidly approaching sirens. Why he alarmed? They had nothing on him! Look at the fools leap out of the cars, Dolan in the lead. Some chance they had of catching the Catman! He was too clever for a hundred Dolans.

He was casual as he join-

ed the policemen inside the house, and a swagger was discernible as he approached Dolan.

"Catman again?" he asked the Inspector.

"Oh, hello, Blanchard. Yup, it's his work, all right." Dolan sighed and pointed to Meade's body. "Even worse than usual this time. "He left a body behind him."

"Gee, that's too bad. Makes it tough on you fellows," Blanchard said, oozing false sympathy. "Mind if I use the phone, Dolan? Gives me a scoop if I get the jump on the other boys, you know. Thanks, Inspector. You're a pal. Hello, City Desk? This is Blanchard. Get this: Catman strikes again! Murder this time! He shot old Dan Meade to death! How's that for a yarn? Some scoop, eh?"

As he hung up, he was startled to see Dolan and the other officers with their revolvers trained on him. They must be joking! They couldn't know—they couldn't!

"Looks like the scoop's on you this time, Blanchard," Dolan snarled. "Dan Meade wasn't shot—he died of a heart attack. Only the Catman knew there was a shot fired—we found it in the wall, and we've also found the Catman—you!"

THE END

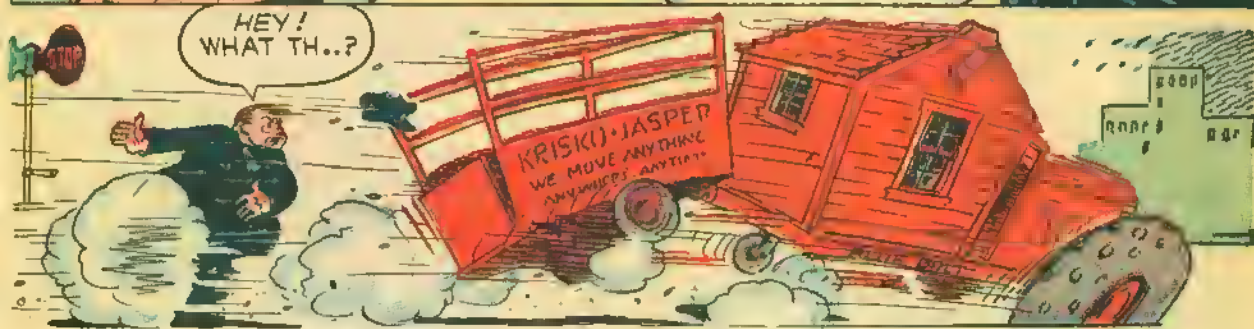
Krisko and Jasper

IT'S JUST A QUIET SATURDAY MORNING ABOARD THE KRISKO AND JASPER MOVING VAN, TILL BUSINESS INTERFERES! BUT WHY SHOULD A BAKERY WANT MOVING MEN?...WELL, MAYBE THEY HEARD OF THE BOYS' FAMOUS SLOGAN ...'WE MOVE ANYTHING ANYWHERE' ... BUT THE BOYS'RE ALMOST READY TO SCRAP THE SLOGAN BEFORE THIS DAY'S JOB IS DONE!

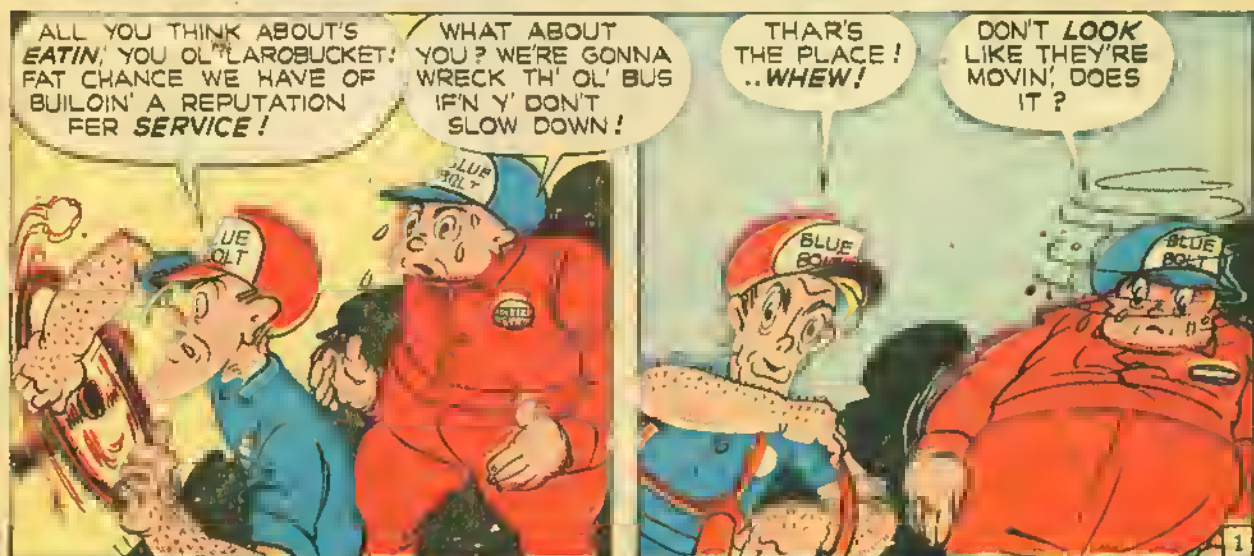


HOLD EVERYTHING, POTNER! WE GOT A EMERGENCY CALL T' TH' ROYAL BAKERY, AN' WE BETTER START NOW!

HUH?...OH, WELL, MEBBE WE KIN PICK UP A COUPLA FRESH ROLLS FER OUR BREAKFAST WHILE WE'RE THAR!



HEY! WHAT TH..?

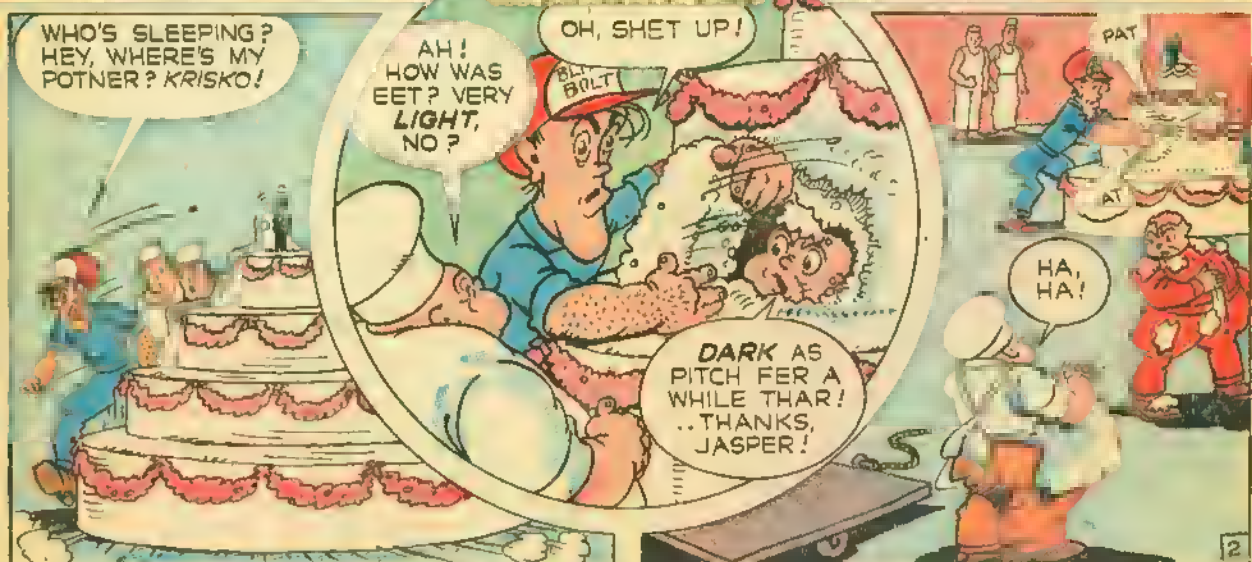
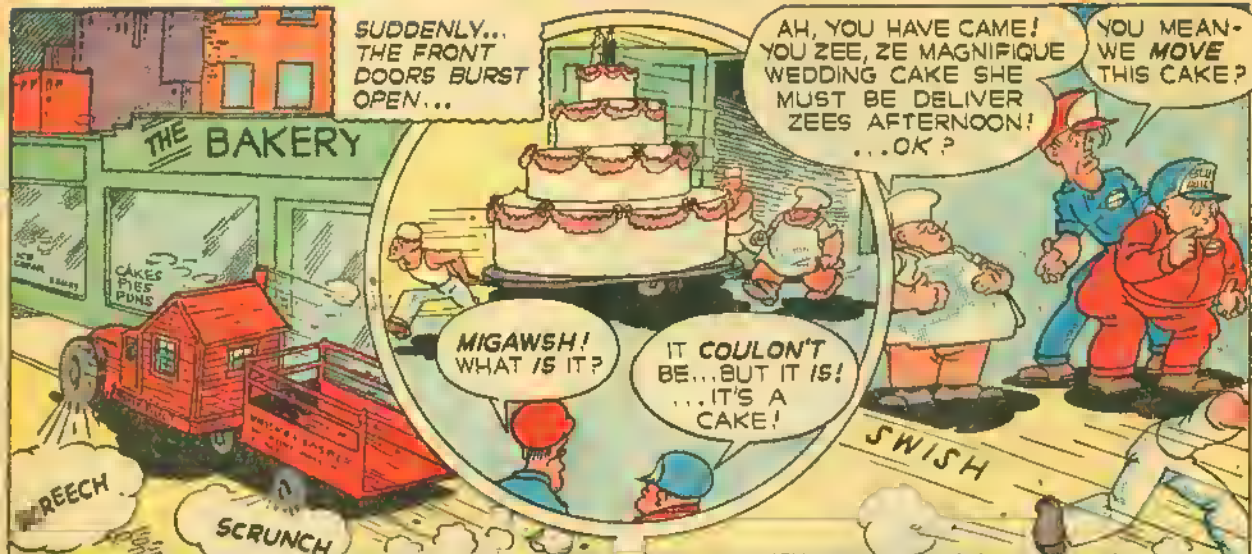


ALL YOU THINK ABOUT'S EATIN' YOU OL' LAROBUCKET! FAT CHANCE WE HAVE OF BUILDIN' A REPUTATION FER SERVICE!

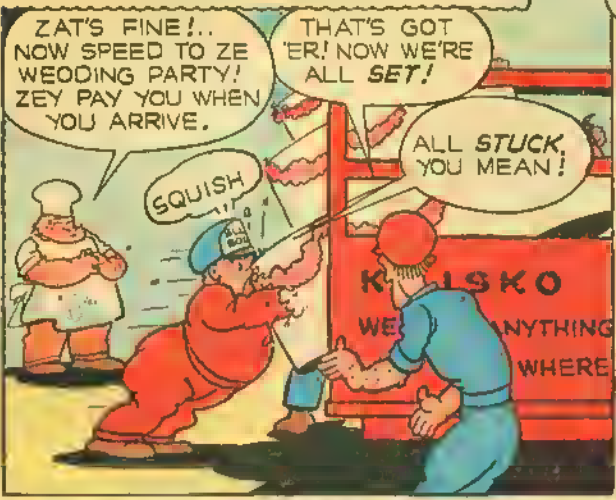
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WE'RE GONNA WRECK TH' OL' BUS IF N' Y' DON'T SLOW DOWN!

THAT'S THE PLACE! ..WHEW!

DON'T LOOK LIKE THEY'RE MOVIN', DOES IT?



BUT FINALLY... BY SHEER DINT... THE CONCOCTION BOARDS THE VAN!



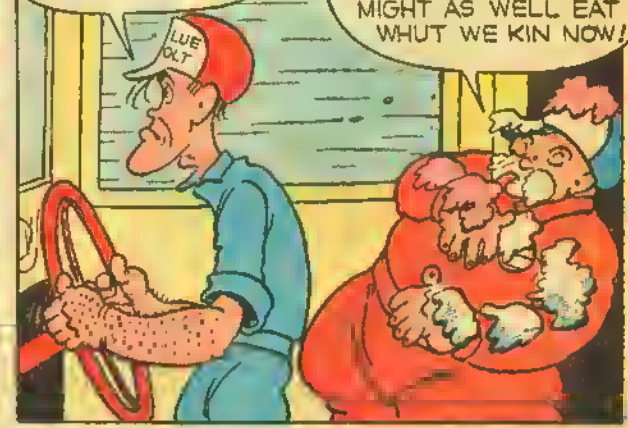
ZAT'S FINE!... NOW SPEED TO ZE WEDDING PARTY! ZEY PAY YOU WHEN YOU ARRIVE.

THAT'S GOT 'ER! NOW WE'RE ALL SET!

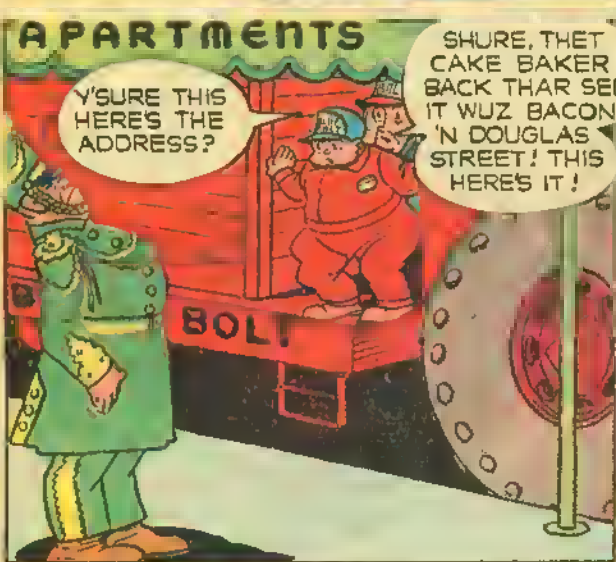
ALL STUCK, YOU MEAN!

SQUISH

IF YOU AIN'T DISGUSTIN'! YOU'RE GONNA MAKE YER-SELF SO SICK, Y' CAIN'T EVEN HELP ME UNLOAD!



YOU'RE JUST OPTIMISTICK IFN YOU THINK ANYBODY'S GONNA WANT THET THAR CAKE... MIGHT AS WELL EAT WHUT WE KIN NOW!



APARTMENTS

Y'SURE THIS HERES THE ADDRESS?

SHURE, THET CAKE BAKER BACK THAR SED IT WUZ BACON 'N DOUGLAS STREET! THIS HERES IT!



SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH BEARS KRISKO UP ANO... BOLDLY HE STAGGERS FORWARD!

GOT HER?

YEH... WHOEVER SED THIS HERE CAKE WUZ LIGHT, ORTA BE IN MY SHOES!



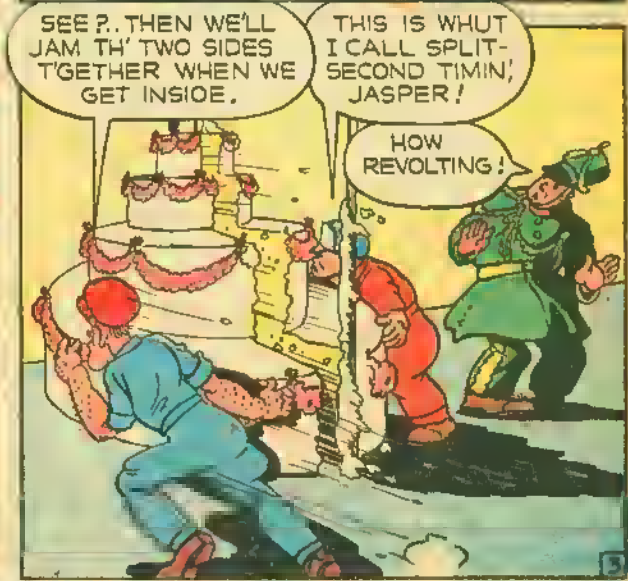
IT'S ABSURD! OF COURSE YOU CAWN'T GET IT THROUGH THE DOOAH!

WE CUD GET IT THROUGH TH REVOLVIN' DOOR IF WE CUT IT INTO SLICES!

GOOO IDEAR! LET'S CUT IT ON TH' POLE HERE!

SWISH

SCRATCH



SEE ?. THEN WE'LL JAM TH' TWO SIDES T'GETHER WHEN WE GET INSIOE.

THIS IS WHUT I CALL SPLIT-SECOND TIMIN', JASPER!

HOW REVOLTING!

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?...IS THAT THE CAKE? MAYBE IT WAS THE CAKE!

OUT OF MY WAY, PLEASE!

OH!..OH!

SPLAT

SPLAT

HEY!

JUST TAKE IT EASY, KRISKO! WE KIN FIX IT AGAIN!

GREAT JUMPIN' LEAPFROGS! HOW'RE WE GONNA GIT THIS BACK TOGETHER? ...IT'D TAKE A MAGISHUN.

NOW.. SHE'S ALMOST DONE! TAIN'T SUCH A BAD JOB

OUR FUS' PLASTICK-SURGERY JOB! HEY, JASPER.. MEBBE WE KIN PICK UP SOME EXTRA DOUGH LIFTIN' FACES!

FIFI.. WAIT FOR ME, DEAR!

I'VE PICKED UP ENOUGH EXTRA DOUGH TODAY, THANKS! MOVE THET THAR OTHER PIECE OVER BY THE ELEVATOR, 'N WE'LL GIT GOIN'!

SURE, POTNER.

GOING UP!

THIS HERE ELEVATOR'S BIG ENOUGH...LET'S PUT 'EM TOGETHER NOW!

GOING UP!

COME, FIFI.

ARF

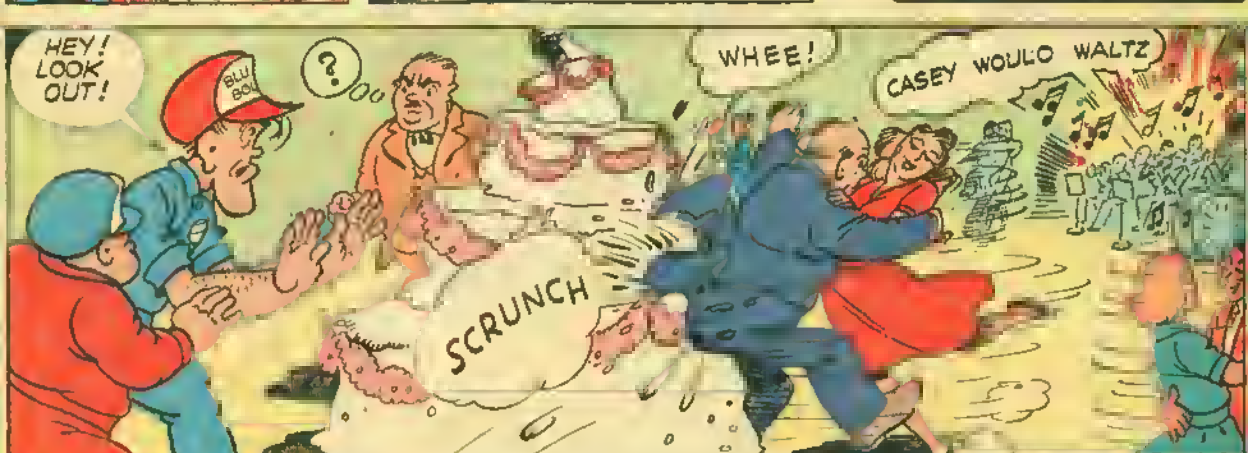
NO SOONER SED THAN DONE..

HELP!.. MY FIFI! WHERE IS SHE?

YOUR WHO ...WHAT?

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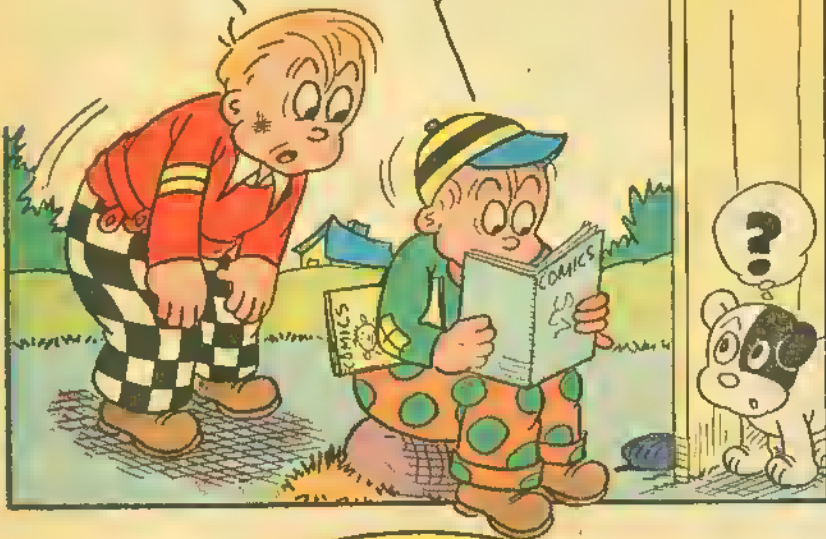
QUESTION No. 10. Who was Harry Houdini?



WHICH GOES TO SHOW: SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR CAKE OR EAT IT EITHER! BUT THE BOYS PULL THEMSELVES TOGETHER ENOUGH TO HIT THE ROAD NEXT TIME, IN THE BUMPY, LUMPY MOVIN' VAN... DON'T MISS 'EM NEXT ISSUE!

GEE, I BET YOUR POP
WAS **DOWNHEARTED**
WHEN THOSE CROOKS
HELD HIM
UP, HUH??

NAW! HIS HEART
WAS IN HIS MOUTH
ALL THE TIME !!!



WHY WOULD YOU RATHER
BE A DENTIST THAN AN
EAR DOCTOR WHEN
YOU GROW UP ???

'CAUSE PEOPLE HAVE
32 TEETH, BUT ONLY
TWO EARS !!!



MILT HAMMER

BLUE BOLT

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MUST YOU ALWAYS
ANSWER A QUESTION
BY ASKING ONE ???

DO I ??



WHERE DO
PINEAPPLES
COME FROM??

ER-FROM
PINE TREES!!



Sergeant Spook



WHEN JERRY TOOK A JOB DELIVERING GROCERIES, HE DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS IN FOR A BASKETFUL OF 'ADVENTURE'—— AND HAD A FLAIR FOR FINDING TROUBLE!

Art by
DON
RICO

DELIVERING GROCERIES FOR MR. MYERS IS FUN!

I'M GLAD YOU LIKE YOUR JOB, JERRY... BUT THIS IS A TOUGH NEIGHBORHOOD!

I GUESS IT IS... BUT NO ONE WILL BOTHER ME! I'M JUST DOING MY JOB!

BUT YOU WORK ALONE AND MIGHT GET INTO TROUBLE! TAKE THIS FLARE AND SEND IT UP IF YOU NEED ME!



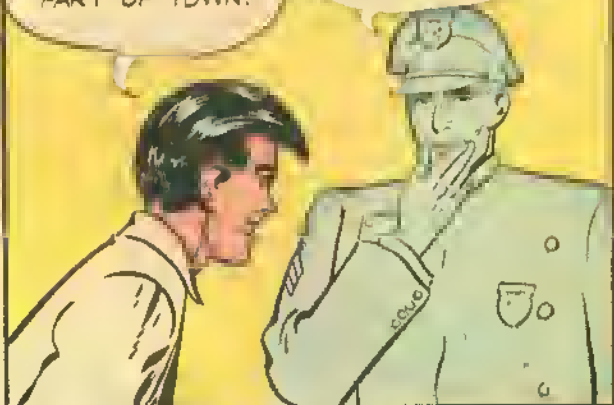
BLUE BOLT

THERE'S A RUMOR THAT THE HARKINS JEWEL THIEVES ARE HIDING OUT HERE! THEY PULLED A JOB LAST MONTH AT RIFFONY'S JEWELRY STORE AND THEY'RE PROBABLY PLANNING ANOTHER!



OH, BOY, SPOOK! DO YOU THINK THEY'RE REALLY IN THIS PART OF TOWN?

I'M AFRAID SO! AND THEY'RE BAD MEN, JERRY!



WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?

MIKE HARKINS, THE BRAINS OF THE GANG, HAS RED HAIR, AND HIS TWIN BROTHER LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE HIM! THE THIRD BROTHER IS CALLED SCARFACE-- HE HAS A LONG, JAGGED SCAR RUNNING ACROSS HIS FOREHEAD!

YOU'D THINK SOMEBODY'D RECOGNIZE THEM EASILY!

THAT'S THE POINT! THEY SLIPPED UP ON THEIR LAST JOB! SCARFACE'S DISGUISE FELL OFF, AND THE

I GO THIS WAY! SO LONG, SPOOK!

I'M GOING TO SNOOP AROUND, AND SEE IF I CAN FIND THEIR HIDEOUT...BE CAREFUL, JERRY!

MAN THEY ESCAPED IDENTIFIED THE PICTURE AT HEADQUARTERS! IT'S IN THE MORNING PAPERS!



NOT FAR AWAY--

I WISH DE GRUB AN' PAPER'D GET HERE! I WANNA SEE IF DERE'S ANYTHING ABOUT LAST NIGHT'S JOB IN IT!

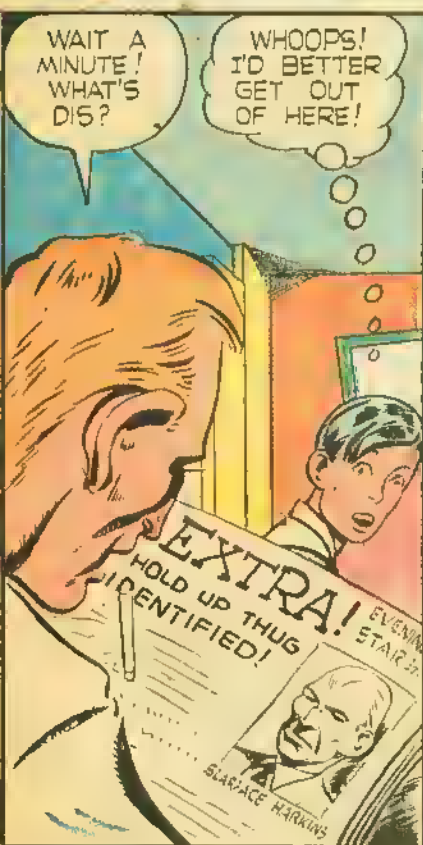
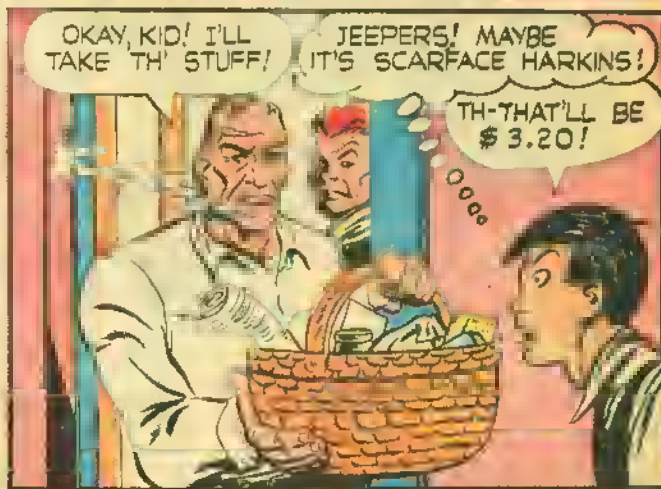
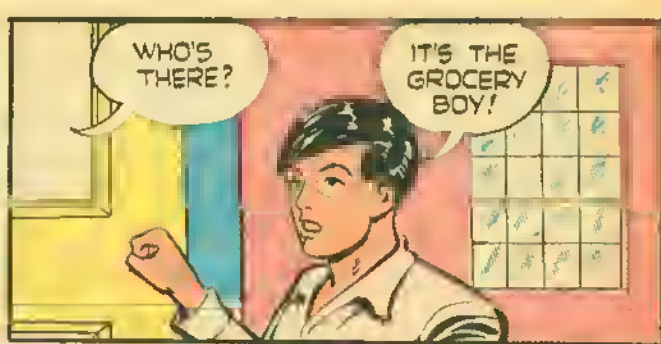
YOU'RE SOME PUNK, LOSIN' YER DISGUISE LIKE DAT! WHAT IF DE DELIVERY KID RECOGNIZES YA?

YEAH!

FERGET IT! NOBODY SAW ME BUT DAT OLD GEEZER I SLUGGED--AN' I THINK I TOOK CARE OF HIM!

YEAH-- BUT THERE'S SENSE TAKIN' CHANCES!





DIS IS
GONNA BE
DA BIGGEST
JOB WE
EVER
PULLED!

YEAH!

AND WE
KIN RETIRE
ON OE ICE
WE PICK
UP TONIGHT!

HERE'S DE PLAN! OE VAN HUSEN
COSTUME BALL STARTS AT EIGHT!
WE'LL GIT DERE AT NINE WID OUR
MASKS AN' WIGS AN' DRESSEO AS
HOBEOES! AT NINE-THOITY ALL DE
SWELLS WILL BE DERE,
READY TO HAND OVER
THEIR DIAMONDS AND
JEWELS TO US-- WID
JUST A LITTLE
PERSUASION!



MEANWHILE, JERRY HAS WORKED
THE FLARE OUT OF HIS POCKET,
AND TOSSES IT INTO THE STOVE!

THERE! I HOPE
SPOOK SEES THE
SMOKE!

LOOKS LIKE
A FIRE! I'D
BETTER
SEE WHAT'S
UP!

HEY!
DE JOINT'S
ON FIRE!

LET'S GET
OUTA
HERE!

DAT'LL
FINISH
DE KID,
AN' SAVE
US DE
TROUBLE!

SPOOK!
HELP!

JERRY!
WHERE
ARE
YOU?

Three
HOURS
LATER--

HE'S COMING
TO! WHEW!
I THOUGHT
THE KID WAS
DONE FOR!

WHO--- WHERE---
HEY!! WHAT
TIME IS IT?

IT'S A QUARTER
TO NINE, SON!
HOW DO YOU
FEEL?

LET ME
DUT OF
HERE!
COME ON,
SPOOK!

WE'VE GOT TO
NOTIFY THE POLICE!
THE HARKINS GANG
IS PLANNING A
ROBBERY FOR
NINE-THIRTY!

STOP THAT KID!
HE'S DELIRIOUS!

FASTER,
JERRY! HE'S
GAINING
ON US!

AT THE POLICE STATION ---

... AND THE HARKINS GANG
IS ARRIVING AT MRS. VAN
HUSEN'S HOUSE RIGHT
NOW! YOU'VE GOT TO
DO SOMETHING!

SERGEANT,
THIS CHILD
IS DELIRIOUS!

NOW, MY LAD, YOU JUST
GO HOME AND GET SOME
REST! YOU'RE STILL GROGGY
FROM THAT SMOKE! NOW...
GET ALONG!

WHAT'LL
WE DO
NOW?
THEY
WON'T
BELIEVE
ME!

WE'LL HAVE
TO TAKE
CARE OF THE
HARKINSES
OURSELVES,
AND WE
HAVEN'T MUCH
TIME!
COME ON!

AT THE VAN HUSEN
MANSION ---

YES?

WE'VE GOT
TO SEE MRS. VAN
HUSEN RIGHT
AWAY! THERE ARE
JEWEL THIEVES AT
HER PARTY!

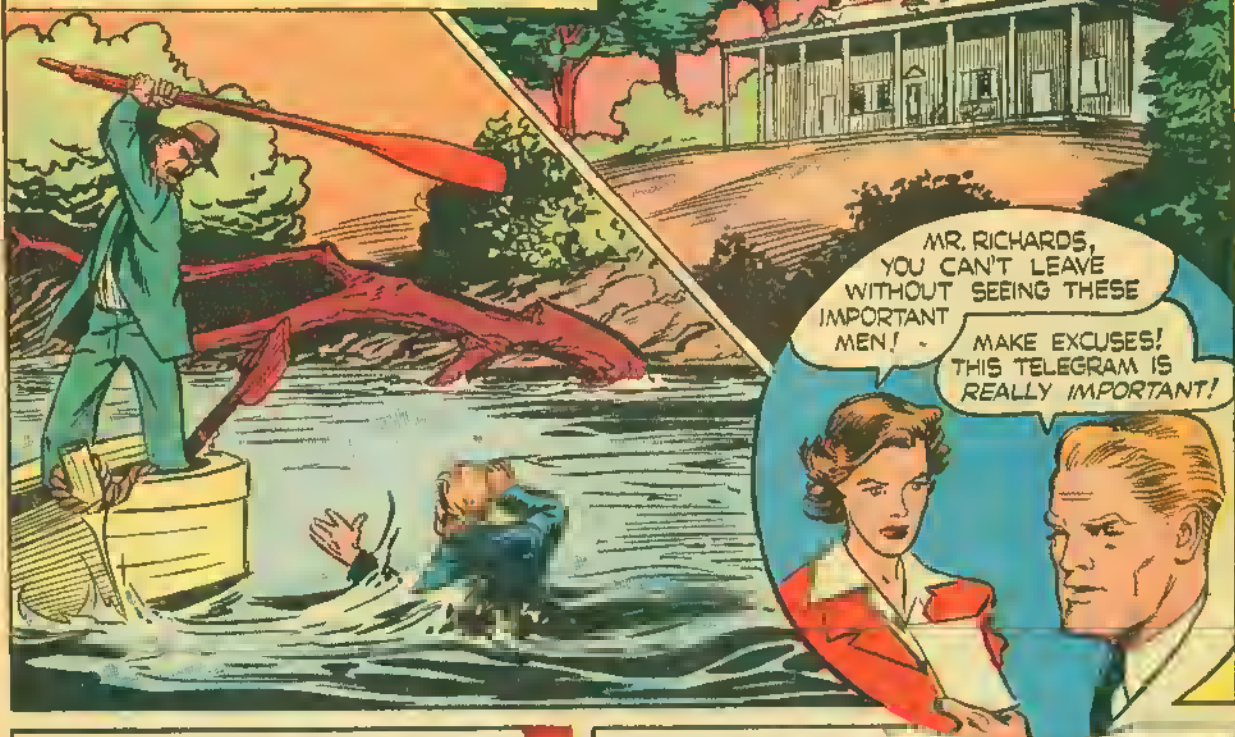
GO AWAY,
CHILD! WE'RE
TOO BUSY
FOR PRANKS
TONIGHT!

WE'LL GO
AROUND
TO THE SIDE,
JERRY ---
THERE MAY
BE A
WINDOW
OPEN!



Rick Richards

The SEARCH FOR A PRICELESS ORCHID LEADS RICK INTO DRAMATIC ACTION ON THE HALLOWED GROUNDS OF MOUNT VERNON, HOME OF OUR FIRST PRESIDENT!



MOSE LINCOLN, MY SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD PROTEGE, HAS MADE A MARVELOUS DISCOVERY---ORCHIDS!



WHAT'S SO UNUSUAL ABOUT ORCHIDS-- EXCEPT THAT MY BOY FRIEND CAN'T AFFORD THEM!

THE COST OF SHIPPING FRAGILE ORCHIDS FROM THE TROPICS PUTS THEM IN THE EXPENSIVE CLASS-- BUT MOSE HAS SOLVED THAT PROBLEM!



HIS NEW TROPICAL ORCHID WILL GROW IN OUR OWN BACK YARDS!

GOLLY! IF THIS MEANS I'LL FINALLY GET ORCHIDS FROM ROGER, I'M ALL FOR IT!



STRANGE--MOSE IS USUALLY OUT TO GREET ME!



MOSE!!



RICK--- THEY GOT IT! THEY STOLE THE ORCHID SEED!

WHO TOOK IT!



I DON'T KNOW! I WAS SLUGGED FROM BEHIND!

ARE THESE PINK PETALS FROM YOUR FLOWERS, MOSE?

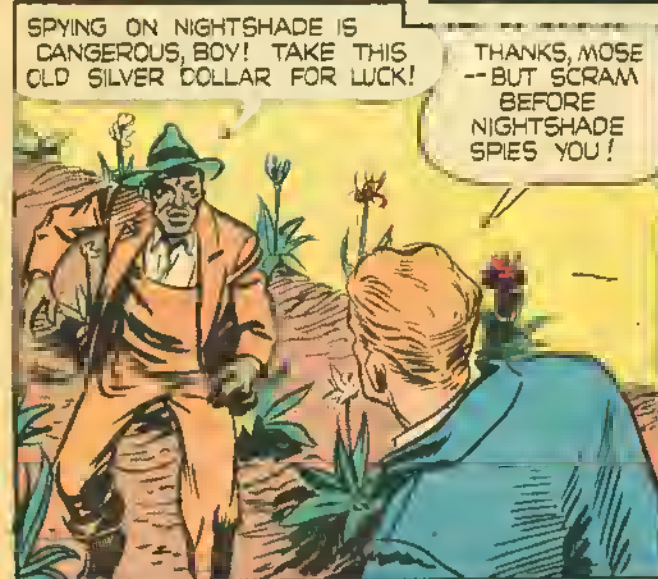
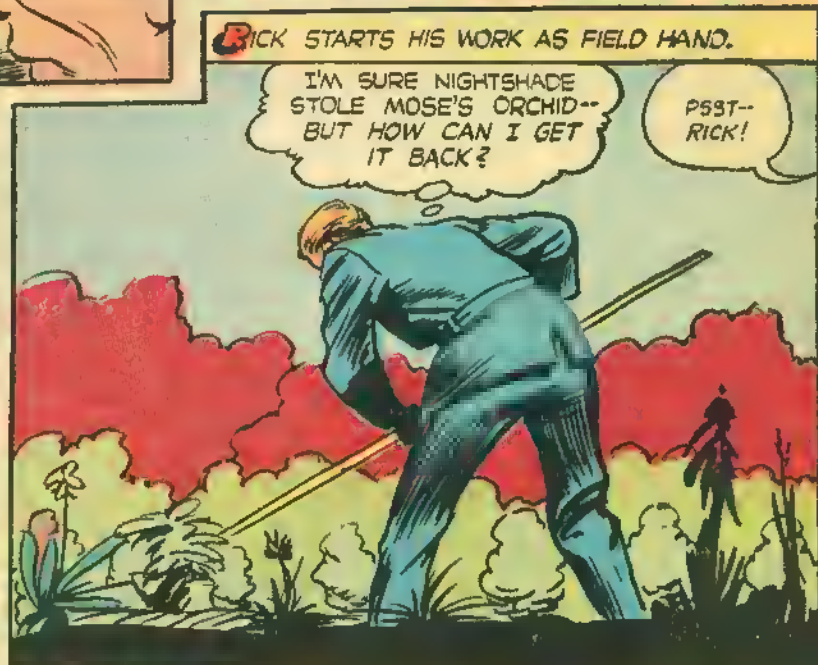
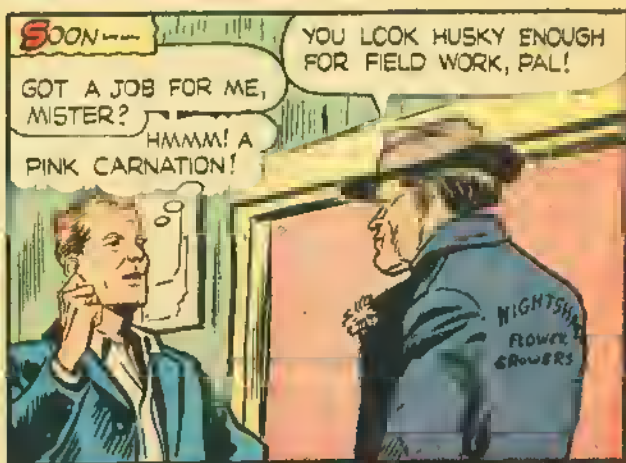


HMMM---THEY COME FROM COWLY CARNATIONS--- A NEW FLOWER BEING PUSHED BY ASPER NIGHTSHADE! HE MAKES ALL HIS EMPLOYEES WEAR 'EM!

ASPER NIGHTSHADE, EH?



QUESTION No. 13. What state in the U. S. is called the Old Dominion?



FIND OUT WHO THAT GUY IS--
AND DON'T BE POLITE ABOUT IT!



GREETINGS, STRANGER!
SIT DOWN AND TAKE IT
EASY!



THERE'LL BE NO MESS!
LUG HIM INTO THE GREEN-
HOUSE, AND GET SOME
BLANKETS!

BLANKETS! ON A
HOT DAY LIKE THIS?



GREAT SCOTT!
IT'S RICK RICHARDS!

ULP! HE'S A TOUGH
GUY TO MESS
WITH, BOSS!



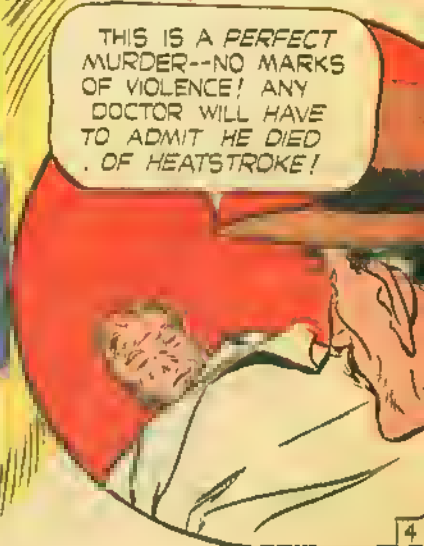
WITH THE TEMPERATURE
UP TO 150 DEGREES, AND
THOSE BLANKETS AROUND
HIM, HE WON'T LAST LONG!

YOU MUST BE
GOIN' SOFT TO
MAKE HIM SO
COMFORTABLE!

IT'S NO COMFORT,
IDIOT, TO DIE OF
HEATSTROKE!



THIS IS A PERFECT
MURDER--NO MARKS
OF VIOLENCE! ANY
DOCTOR WILL HAVE
TO ADMIT HE DIED
OF HEATSTROKE!

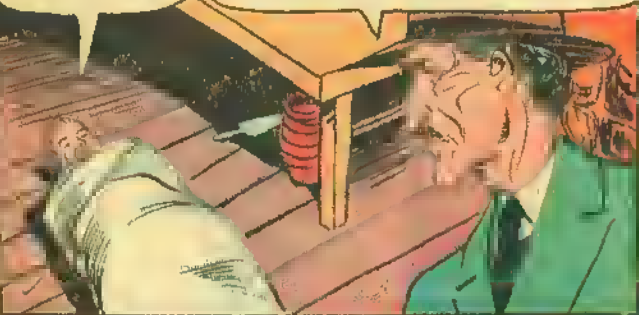


YOU'LL GET THE HOT SEAT FOR THIS, NIGHTSHADE!

OH, NO--YOU WILL! I'M LEAVING NOW TO ESTABLISH AN ALIBI, BY MINGLING WITH THE TOURISTS AT MOUNT VERNON!

I'LL BE THERE, OBSERVED BY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, AT THE VERY MOMENT YOU DIE! AND I'LL HAVE THE PRECIOUS ORCHID SEED WITH ME!

RUN ALONG, HATCHET-HEAD. IT'S GETTING STUFFY IN HERE!



RICK STRUGGLES HELPLESSLY AGAINST HIS BONDS AND THE SCORING TEMPERATURE---

NO USE! I'M WEAKENING! NOT A CHANCE OF ESCAPING--UNLESS I CAN CATAPULT SOME ROCKS TO STIMULATE THAT WACKY ADRENAL GLAND OF MINE WITH A SUDDEN SHARP NOISE!



ROCK BREAKS A PANE. RICK IS SUDDENLY STRENGTHENED BY A RUSH OF ADRENALIN THROUGH HIS BODY! HE BREAKS ALL HIS BONDS.



AH! AFTER I CATCH NIGHTSHADE AND GET THE ORCHID, I'LL SIT INSIDE AN ICEBOX FOR TWO HOURS!



WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

I'M BOUND FOR MOUNT VERNON, CHUM!



RATHER CHIC, DON'T YOU THINK?
JUST LIKE YOUR WIVES WEAR,
NO DOUBT!



I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO
VISIT MOUNT VERNON--AND
NOW I CAN COMBINE
BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE!



NIGHTSHADE IS PROBABLY
IN THE MIDST OF THE BIGGEST
GROUP OF PEOPLE, CONGRAT-
ULATING HIMSELF ON
HIS CLEVERNESS!

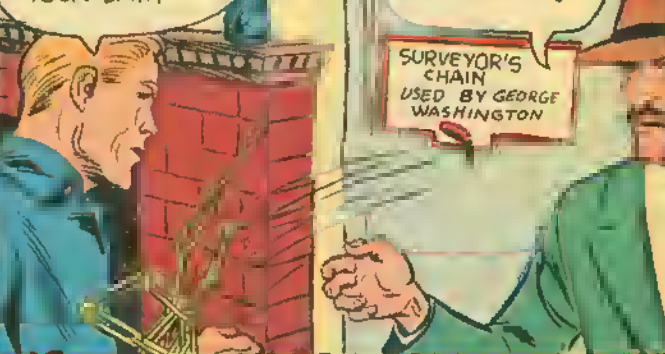


NO!...NO!
IT CAN'T
BE---

GREETINGS, COOK! I
HOPPED OUT OF YOUR
OVEN A BIT TOO SOON,
BUT I'M NOT SO HALF-BAKED
THAT YOU'LL TRICK ME
ANY MORE!



HAND OVER THE
SEED BEFORE I
PLANT ONE ON
YOUR JAW!



THIEF!

NIGHTSHADE THROWS A CHAIN AT RICK!

CAD! HOW DARE
YOU STEAL
THIS HALLOWED
PROPERTY!

ULP! I UNDER-
STAND! NIGHT-
SHADE'S TRICKERY!

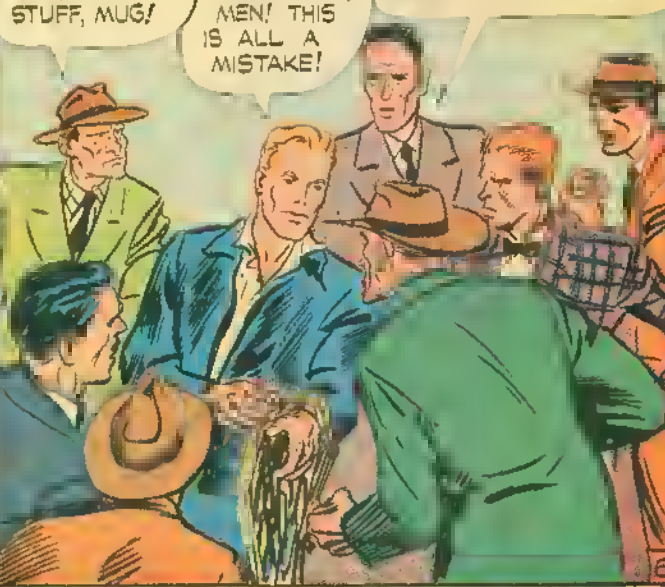
WHAT A
DISGRACE!



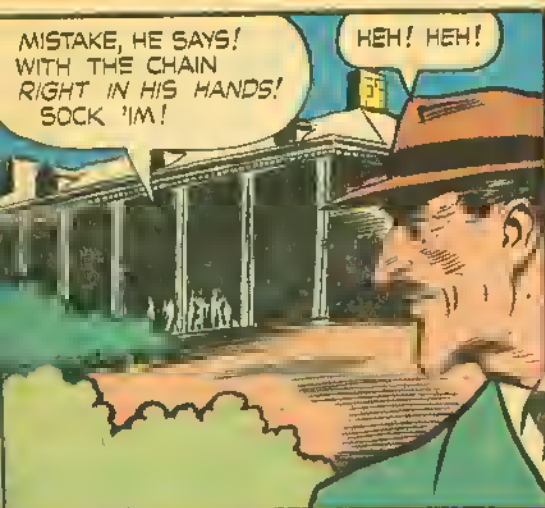
WE DON'T
GO FOR THAT
STUFF, MUG!

SOME
OTHER TIME,
MEN! THIS
IS ALL A
MISTAKE!

HOW'D YOU LIKE A
PUNCH IN THE SNOOT?



QUESTION No. 15. Was George Washington born at Mount Vernon?



MISTAKE, HE SAYS!
WITH THE CHAIN
RIGHT IN HIS HANDS!
SOCK 'IM!

HEH! HEH!

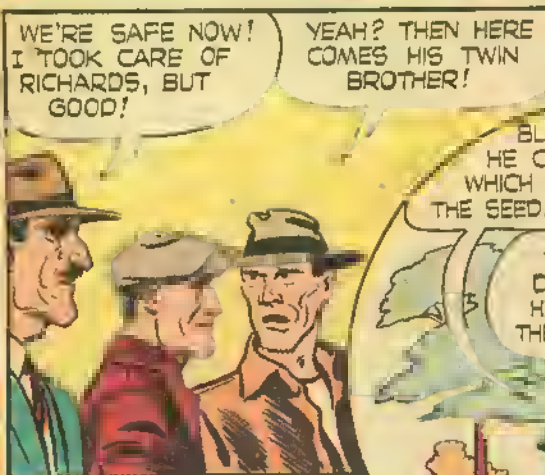


STILL FORTIFIED WITH ADRENALIN, RICK FLOWS
THROUGH THE CROWD!

SORRY, GENTLEMEN! THERE'S
NO TIME FOR DEBATES! I'VE
GOT TO CATCH AN ORCHID!

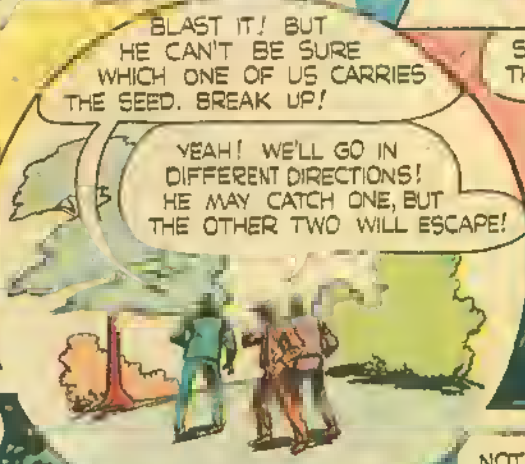
THE
MAN'S
MAD!

HE'S AWFUL
STRONG TOO!
LET 'IM GO!



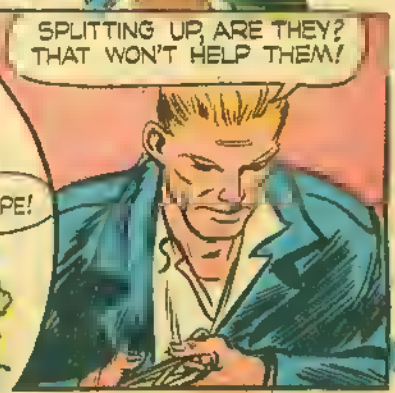
WE'RE SAFE NOW!
I TOOK CARE OF
RICHARDS, BUT
GOOD!

YEAH? THEN HERE
COMES HIS TWIN
BROTHER!



BLAST IT! BUT
HE CAN'T BE SURE
WHICH ONE OF US CARRIES
THE SEED. BREAK UP!

YEAH! WE'LL GO IN
DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS!
HE MAY CATCH ONE, BUT
THE OTHER TWO WILL ESCAPE!



SPLITTING UP, ARE THEY?
THAT WON'T HELP THEM!



HOPE THE CARETAKER
DON'T MIND MY BORRYING
HIS HORSE!

STOP!



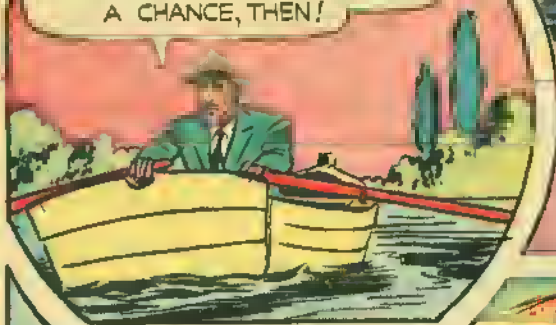
NOT A CHANCE, PAL!

THIS SURVEYOR'S CHAIN IS HELPING ME TO SURVEY THE CONTENTS OF YOUR POCKETS!

HALP!

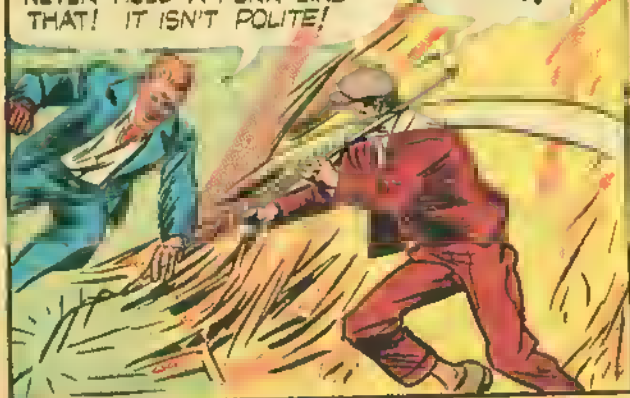


I'LL CROSS THE RIVER, SHAKE THAT LEECH, AND GO TO THE CAPITOL TO REGISTER THE ORCHID IN MY NAME! RICHARDS WON'T HAVE A CHANCE, THEN!

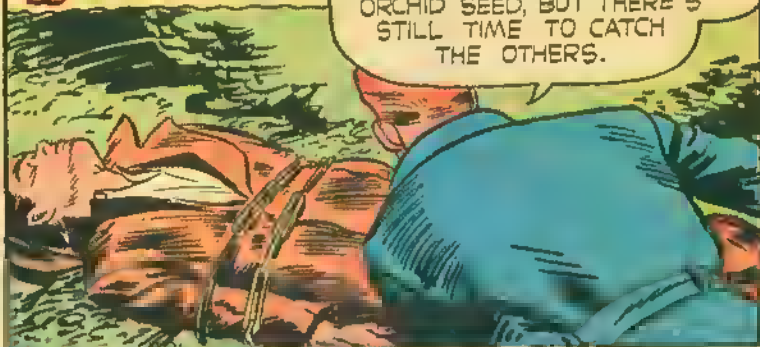


TSK! TSK! SUCH MANNERS! NEVER HOLD A FORK LIKE THAT! IT ISN'T POLITE!

UGH!



A MOMENT LATER--



WELL, YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE ORCHID SEED, BUT THERE'S STILL TIME TO CATCH THE OTHERS.

THERE'S NIGHTSHADE NOW, ESCAPING IN A ROWBOAT!



I'VE GOT TO GET NIGHTSHADE MIGHTY FAST! HE'S TOO TRICKY TO LET ALONE!

I BEEN WAITIN' FOR YOU!



THIS STACK MUST WEIGH TONS--AND THAT IS HAY!

WAIT'LL I GET DIS FORK OUT!



SORRY, I CAN'T
WAIT! HAVE SOME
HAY!

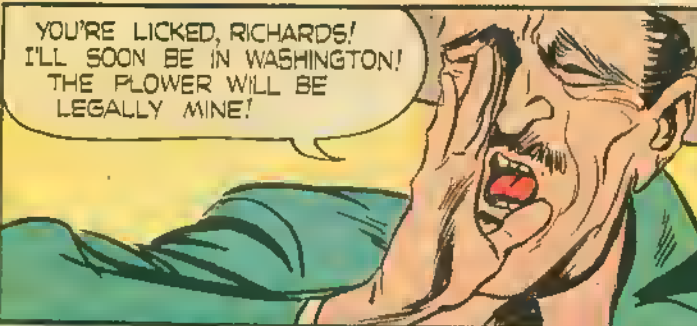


NIGHTSHADE'S GOT A BIG HEAD-
START ON ME NOW! I CAN'T CATCH
HIM BY SWIMMING!

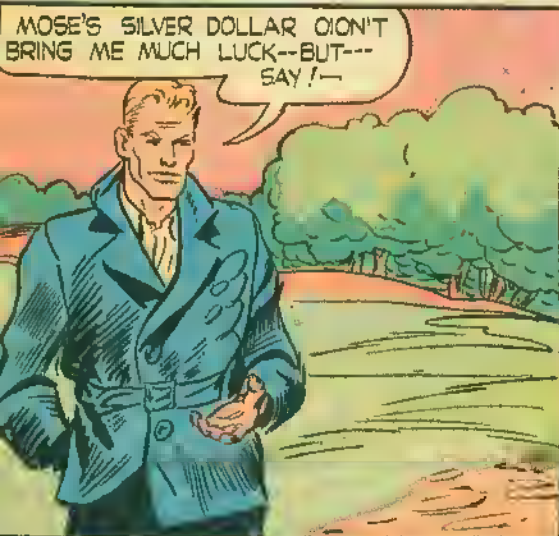


THAT CROOK'S GOT ME
LICKED UNLESS I CAN GET
A MESSAGE TO THOSE FARMERS
ACROSS THE RIVER TO HOLD
NIGHTSHADE--BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

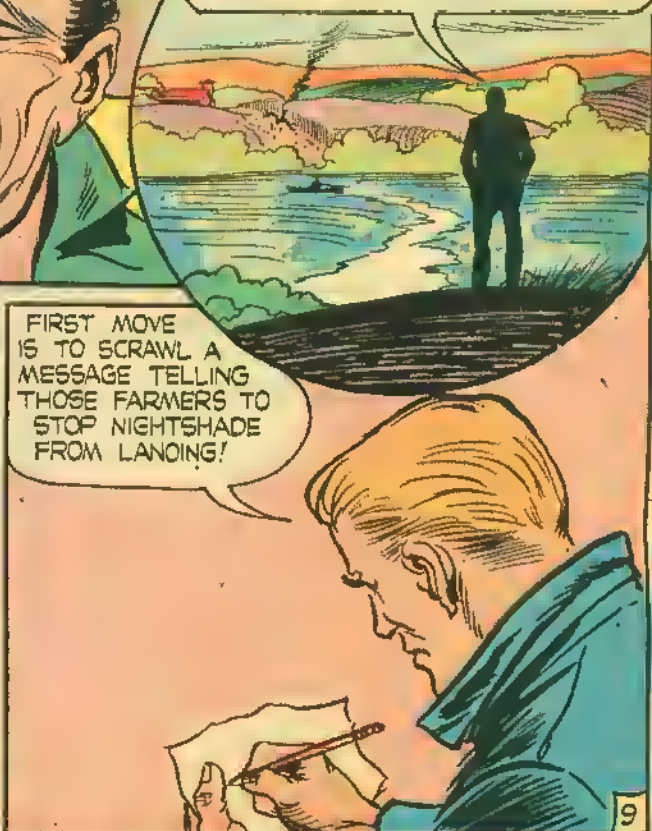
YOU'RE LICKED, RICHARDS!
I'LL SOON BE IN WASHINGTON!
THE FLOWER WILL BE
LEGALLY MINE!



MOSE'S SILVER DOLLAR OI'N'T
BRING ME MUCH LUCK--BUT---
SAY!--



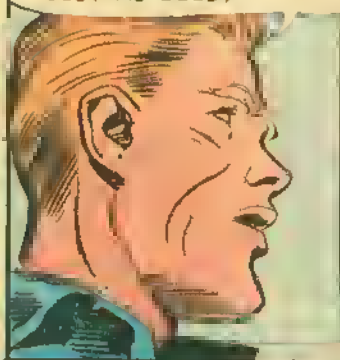
FIRST MOVE
IS TO SCRAWL A
MESSAGE TELLING
THOSE FARMERS TO
STOP NIGHTSHADE
FROM LANOING!



AND NOW TO WRAP THE NOTE AROUND THE SILVER DOLLAR AND FASTEN IT WITH A RUBBER BAND!



GEORGE WASHINGTON ONCE THREW A SILVER DOLLAR ACROSS A RIVER, AND NOW I'VE GOT TO GIVE OUT WITH A TOSS JUST AS GOOD!

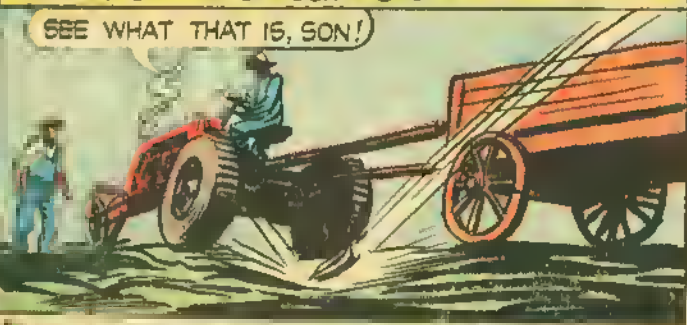


IT LOOKS MIGHTY FAR TO THAT OTHER BANK!



RICK'S POWERFUL HEAVE LANDS THE SILVER DOLLAR ON THE OPPOSITE SHORE!

SEE WHAT THAT IS, SON!



A MINUTE LATER, NIGHTSHADE IS GREETED BY A GRIM COMMITTEE!

YOU AIN'T LANDING HERE, YOU CROOK! WE JUST GOT A MESSAGE, PLUMB OUT O' THE SKY!

GIVE ME A HAND!



BLAST THE IDIOTS! NOW I'LL HAVE TO SNEAK TO THE OTHER SHORE!

BETTER REST YOUR OARS, BUB!



RICHARDS, YOU INHUMAN BEAST! I'LL CLUB YOU TO DEATH!

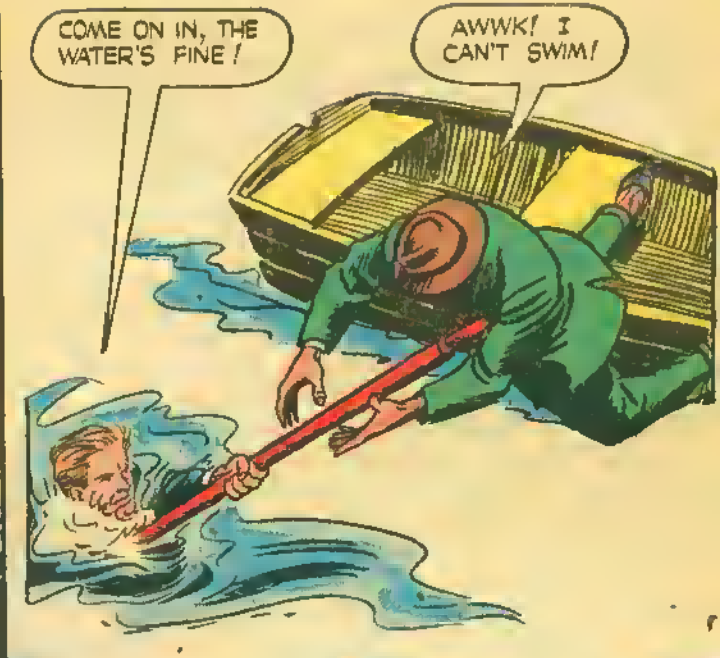
NOT THIS TIME, NIGHTSHADE-- YOU'RE NOT THE CLUBBY TYPE!





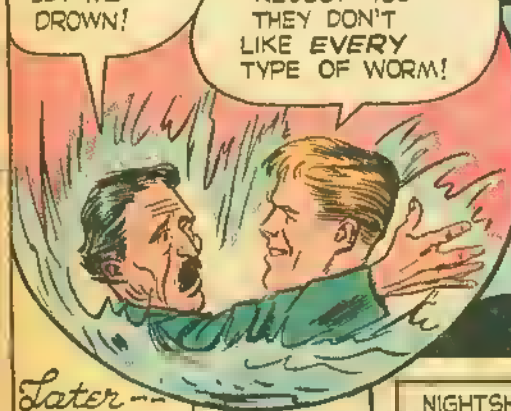
THERE!
TAKE THAT!

I WILL--AND
YOU WITH IT!



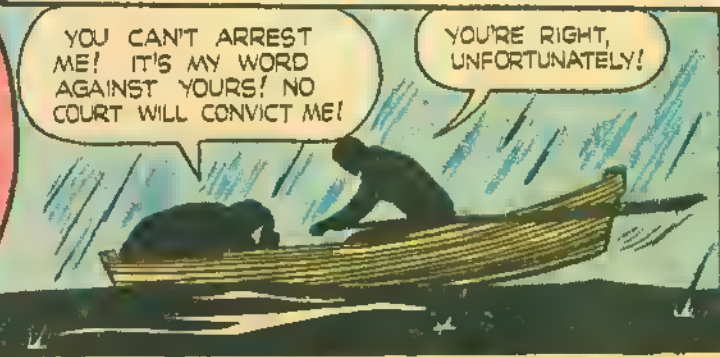
COME ON IN, THE
WATER'S FINE!

AWWK! I
CAN'T SWIM!



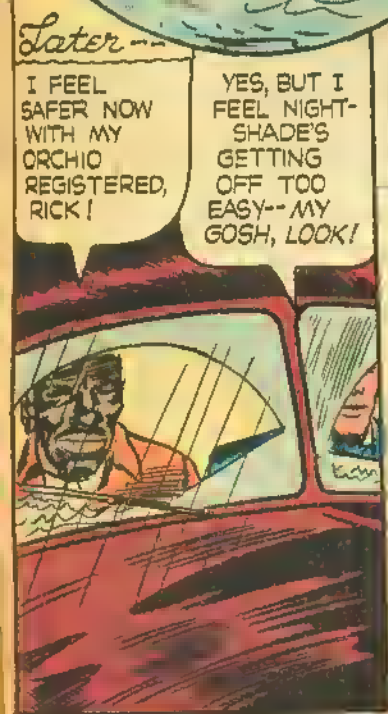
HERE'S THE
ORCHID SEED--
BUT DON'T
LET ME
DROWN!

DON'T WORRY.
EVEN THE
FISH WOULD
REJECT YOU--
THEY DON'T
LIKE EVERY
TYPE OF WORM!



YOU CAN'T ARREST
ME! IT'S MY WORD
AGAINST YOURS! NO
COURT WILL CONVICT ME!

YOU'RE RIGHT,
UNFORTUNATELY!

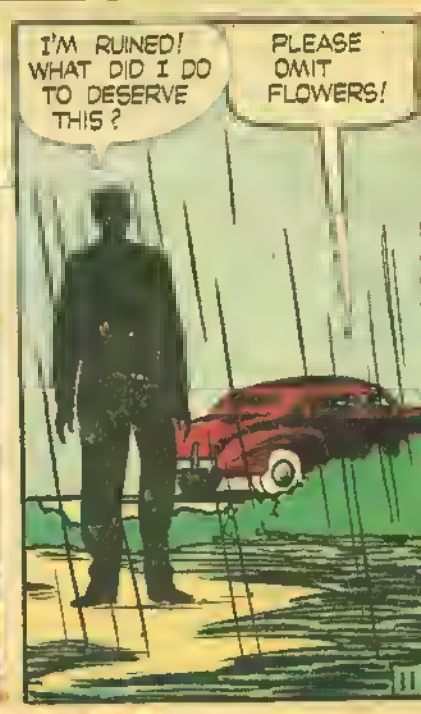


Later --
I FEEL
SAFER NOW
WITH MY
ORCHID
REGISTERED,
RICK!

YES, BUT I
FEEL NIGHT-
SHADE'S
GETTING
OFF TOO
EASY--MY
GOSH, LOOK!



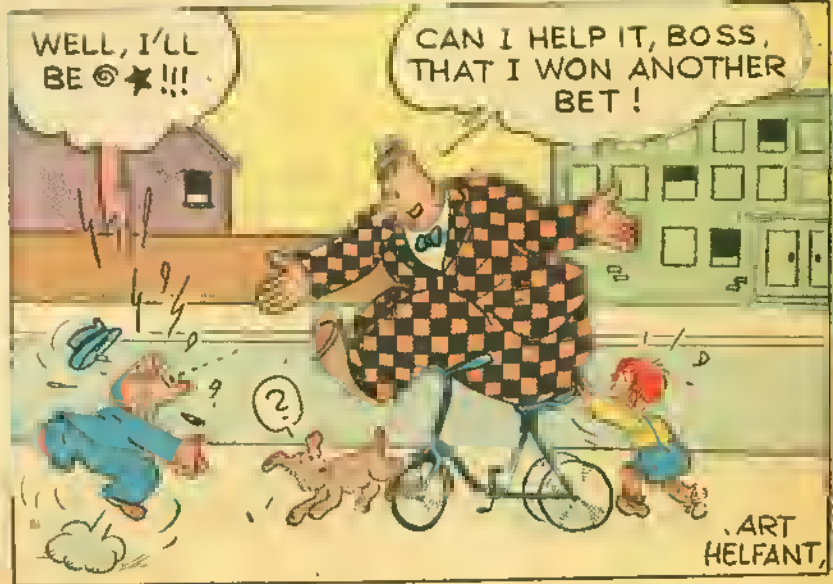
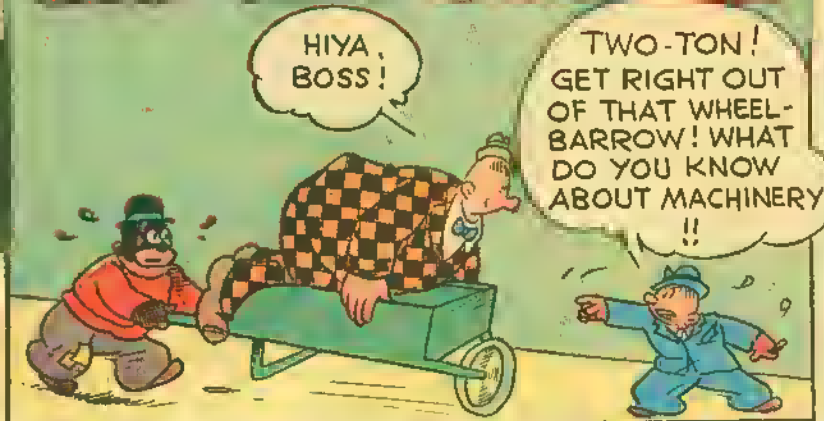
NIGHTSHADE FORGOT TO
TURN OFF THE HEAT AFTER
TRYING TO ROAST ME. THE
OVERHEATED GLASS PANES
CRACK AS THE COLD RAIN
STRIKES THEM!



I'M RUINED!
WHAT DID I DO
TO DESERVE
THIS?

PLEASE
OMIT
FLOWERS!

TWO-TON O'TOOLE



BLUEBOLTS and NUTS

HOW WOULD YOU
DIVIDE ONE
POTATO AMONG
FIVE PEOPLE?

ER-THAT'S
EASY-MAKE
POTATO
SALAD!!



WHAT'S A
QUARTET??

WHERE ALL FOUR
GUYS THINK THE
OTHER THREE
CAN'T SING!



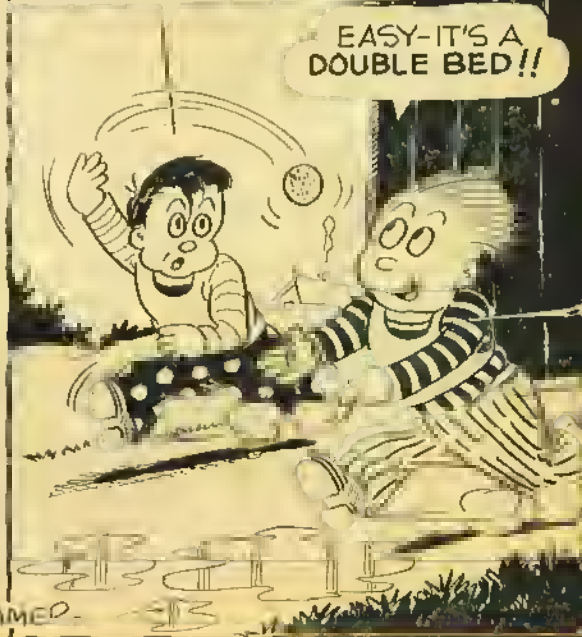
G'WAN, HOW COULD YOUR
POP HAVE BOUGHT A
BED THAT WASHINGTON
'N LINCOLN SLEPT IN??

HEY-DID YOU FIND
A NICKEL HERE A
LITTLE WHILE
AGO??

YEAH! THANKS
A LOT!!



EASY-IT'S A
DOUBLE BED!!



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